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Berlin, Yesterday.
 The death is announced
 General von Plessen, for many
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 Kaiser and commander of General
 Headquarters during the War.
 He died at his home in
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ANTHONY POLLOCK

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(Particulars from Catalogue).
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Terms:—Cash on Delivery.
LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.
Hong Kong, 24th Jan., 1929.

THE Undersigned have received
Instructions to sell by Public
Auction

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quer and Blackwood Screens, Ivory
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Vases, Bowls, Plates, and Jars,
etc., etc.
On View from Wednesday, the
30th January, 1929.
Catalogues will be issued.
Terms:—Cash on Delivery.
LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.
Hong Kong, 26th Jan., 1929.

THE Undersigned have received
Instructions to sell by Public
Auction

ON
FRIDAY, the 1st February, 1929,
commencing at 11 a.m.,
at No. 4 Tantalum Terrace,
The Hong Kong & Whampoa Dock
Co., Ltd., Hunghom.

A Quantity of
**VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD
FURNITURE**
(Particulars from Catalogue).
On View from Thursday, the
31st January, 1929.
Terms:—Cash on Delivery.
LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.
Hong Kong, 26th Jan., 1929.

THE Undersigned have received
Instructions to sell by Public
Auction

ON
SATURDAY, 2nd February, 1929,
commencing at 10.30 a.m.,
at No. 334, Kowloon Tong.

A Quantity of
**VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD
FURNITURE**
Catalogues will be issued.
On View from Friday, the 1st
February, 1929.
Terms:—Cash on Delivery.
LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.
Hong Kong, 28th Jan., 1929.

FANLING HUNT**STEEPLECHASES****SUNDAY,**

17th February.

Entries close at noon

FRIDAY, 1st FEBRUARY.

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NOTICES.**NOTICE.**

CYMEITHAS DEVI SANT,
(HONG KONG)
(St. David's Society, Hong Kong).

THE ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING of the Society will
be held in the Sanitary Board
Room, Post Office Building, on
WEDNESDAY, the 30th January,
1929, at 6.30 p.m.

G. S. HUGH-JONES,
Hon. Secretary.
Hong Kong, 25th Jan., 1929.

**HONG KONG REALTY AND
TRUST COMPANY,
LIMITED.**

(Incorporated under the Companies
Ordinances of Hong Kong.)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the ORDINARY YEAR-
LY MEETING of Shareholders of
the Hong Kong Realty and Trust
Company, Limited, will be held at
the Registered Office of the Com-
pany, Exchange Building (2nd
floor), Des Voeux Road Central,
Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the
16th day of February, 1929, at
Noon, for the purpose of receiv-
ing a Statement of Accounts and
the Report of the Board of Direc-
tors for the year ended the 31st
December, 1928, and re-electing
Directors and the Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the
Company will be CLOSED from
MONDAY, the 11th day of Febru-
ary, 1929, until SATURDAY, the
16th day of February, 1929, both
days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
C. F. V. RIBEIRO,
Acting Secretary.
Hong Kong, 25th Jan., 1929.

**THE HONG KONG & SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that an Extraordinary Meet-
ing of the Shareholders of the
Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank-
ing Corporation will be held on Sat-
urday, the 2nd day of February,
1929, at 12 o'clock noon at the
City Hall Victoria in the Colony of
Hong Kong for the purpose of con-
sidering, and if thought fit, pass-
ing the following resolution, viz:—

That the Directors of the
Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank-
ing Corporation be and they are
hereby requested and authorised
by and on behalf of the share-
holders of the Corporation to take
all such steps as may be neces-
sary for the introduction of an
Ordinance into the Legisla-
tive Council of the Colony of
Hong Kong and for the enact-
ment of the same by the Gov-
ernor of Hong Kong with the
advice and consent of the Legis-
lative Council thereof, in the
terms of a print which, for the
purposes of identification, has
been signed by the Chief Man-
ager of the Corporation, in sub-
stitution for the existing Ordin-
ances (except as in such print
is mentioned) and Deed of Set-
tlement of the Corporation.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY
ALSO GIVEN that a further ex-
traordinary meeting of the share-
holders of the Corporation will be
held on Saturday, the 23rd day of
February, 1929, at 12.45 in the
afternoon at the same place for
the purpose of receiving a report
of the above mentioned meeting
and of considering, and if thought
fit, confirming the above resolu-
tion in accordance with Article 96
of the Corporation's Deed of Set-
tlement.

Dated this 1st day of January,
1929.

By Order of the Directors,
A. C. HYNES,
Chief Manager.

Note:—A copy of the proposed
New Ordinance can be seen
during the usual banking
hours (Sundays, Public
and Bank Holidays excepted)
in Hong Kong at the
Head Office of the Corpora-
tion or at the offices of
Messrs. Johnson, Stokes &
Master, Princes Buildings,
Solicitors to the said Cor-
poration, and in Shanghai
at the Office of the Cor-
poration, from the date
hereof until the date of the
above mentioned confirma-
tory meeting.

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The above prices include deli-
very charges to destination.

NOTICES.**UNION WATERBOAT COMPANY,
LIMITED.****NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.**

THE TWENTY-FOURTH AN-
NUAL GENERAL MEETING
of Shareholders will be held in the
Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Com-
pany, Limited, on THURSDAY, the
31st January, 1929, at 11 a.m. for
the purpose of receiving the report
of the General Managers together
with a Statement of Accounts to
31st December, 1928. The
TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-
pany will be CLOSED from the
23rd January to 31st January,
1929, both dates inclusive.

DODWELL & COMPANY, LTD.
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 18th Jan., 1929.

**HONG KONG BENEVOLENT
SOCIETY**

THE ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING of the Hong Kong
Benevolent Society will be held in
St. John's Cathedral Hall on FRID-
AY, 1st February, 1929, at 5.30
p.m. Mr. R. SUTHERLAND,
O.B.E. will take the Chair.
Hong Kong, 15th Jan., 1929.

**HUMPHREYS' ESTATE AND
FINANCE COMPANY,
LIMITED.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the ANNUAL ORDIN-
ARY GENERAL MEETING of
Shareholders in this Company will
be held at the Hong Kong Hotel,
Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, the 8th
February, 1929, at 11 a.m. for the
purpose of receiving the Report
of the Directors together with a
Statement of Accounts for the year
ended 31st December, 1928.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the
Company will be CLOSED from
THURSDAY, 31st January to
FRIDAY, 8th February (both days
inclusive) during which period no
transfer of shares can be regis-
tered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 24th Jan., 1929.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB**ANNUAL RACE MEETING.**

25th, 26th, 27th February and
2nd March, 1929.

DRAFT PROGRAMME and EN-
TRY FORMS are now ready
and may be obtained at the Race
Course, Hong Kong Club and
Causeway Bay Stables.
Hong Kong, 15th Dec., 1928.

**TRINITY COLLEGE OF MUSIC,
LONDON.****LOCAL EXAMINATIONS,
MAY, 1929.**

The Last Day of Entry for
Forthcoming Examinations in
THEORY AND PRACTICAL
will be 11th February.

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Your Visit is cordially welcomed
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"SEX WAR"**VIEWS OF A HOSPITAL
SURGEON'S WIFE****"FLIGHTY" WOMEN**

Women medical students are
criticised in scathing fashion by the
wife of a prominent London surgeon
in a letter to the "Daily Express."
Her commentary on the decision of
the majority of the great London
hospitals not to accept women
students in future in their medical
schools is particularly interesting,
as it gives the point of view of a
woman who has special op-
portunities for sound judgment on
the problem of the "sex war" in the
hospital.

Her letter is as follows:—
"As the wife of a senior surgeon
on the staff of a hospital school in
London, and as the mother of a
qualified doctor, now house surgeon
at his hospital, may I say a few
words on the subject of the article
in the "Daily Express?" Women
students have made a grievance on
this subject. I consider that they
have only themselves to thank for
what has happened.

"They talk of sex equality, and
deny that the men are any attrac-
tion. I should like to know how
the lists at the Royal Free Hos-
pital since other hospitals have ad-
mitted women students compare with
the lists before this concession was
made.

"I sat, at a dinner party, beside
the dean of one men's hospital,
which had taken women students.
He said, 'Women students! My
school is just matrimonial agency.'
"Again, it would have been
an advantage for my son to
go as a student to
the hospital school where his
father was one of the senior
surgeons. We sent him, after
Cambridge, to this school, where
women have been admitted, to work
for his primary fellowship. He
said to me, 'No, I do not want to go
there permanently. I cannot mix
up work and flirtation. It is so
annoying to have girls constantly
coming and saying, 'Oh, please, Mr.
So-and-so, will you demonstrate
this and that to me.'"

"So, you see, real 'men' men, taking
them all round, like men in hos-
pital even if they adore women in
the ballroom.

"Again, I have, whether rightly
or not been told that the out-patients
dislike the girl students. They
are flighty, so they say, and have
nothing like the kindness, good
humoured patience and tolerance
of the men students in dealing with
the poor and possibly exceedingly
tiresome patients.

"Duplicité of Man"
"As far as many doctors are con-
cerned—although socially admirers
of women—their remarks, when it
is the turn for women residents to
assist them in their wards, are
decidedly not those that their wo-
men students would think possible.
Such is the duplicity of man!"

"Finally, not only is the work of
the medical, and surgical staff at
these great hospitals entirely
gratuitous, but their hands go into
their pockets constantly for dona-
tions.

"The only possible reward that
they look for is that the students
they have taught will send them
patients for consultation on be-
coming qualified and going into
practice. I should much like to
know what percentage of women
students ever do become really suc-
cessful practitioners.

"To compare men working with
women nurses with their working
with women students is ridiculous.
Women students are free agents.
They smoke, they hobnob with the
men all the time, and are not under
the authority of the matron.

Nurses are mere nuns compared
to the women students, as any one
knows who is familiar with hos-
pital routine.

"If I had seen the Royal Free
lists crammed when men's hos-
pitals were available, I should be-
lieve in the sincerity of women
medical students. As it is, I be-
lieve that half of them are merely
out for a good time, and when
qualified, try to obtain appointments
at institutions. Many marry and
drop their profession altogether.
Some marry and carry on, leaving
the care of their children to
strangers. Comparatively few be-
come successful practitioners, so
that the house appointments, so use-
ful in enabling the men students
to gain experience, are taken from
them by women of whom a large
percentage make no permanent use
of their knowledge at all.

"I enclose my card."

SURGEON'S WIFE.

Upper Wimpole-st., W.1.

Student's Views

Another letter of the same ques-
tion, signed by eight men students
of the St. Thomas' Hospital Medical
School, reads:—

"There are five good reasons why
women should not be admitted to
the London medical schools:—

1. They have every opportunity
to study in their own hospital, the
Royal Free

2. Their presence would play,
and indeed in the past has played,
havoc with both the work and games
of the men.

3. Mixed classes in the medical
sciences are desired by neither sex.

4. The supply of women doctors
already exceeds the demand.

5. Women doctors have not yet
sufficiently justified their existence
for their production on a very large
scale to commence.

"To suggest, as has recently been
done, that they have been banned
from the London medical schools
because of their inability to send
patients for further consultations to
the hospital specialists is mani-
festly absurd.

"John Cawston, E. B. Harvey,
F. G. Lassalle, E. B. P. Madden,
E. A. Richards, S. J. L. Taylor,
A. F. Fowler, and Roger W.
Moore."

Wife as Colleague

A medical man, with extensive
practice in one of the Middlesex
suburbs of London, breaks a lance
on behalf of the woman student.

He says:—
"This attack by the principal hos-
pital against medical women leaves
me without any patience. I have
been fortunate to win as a wife a
qualified woman who took her
medical degree from a London hos-
pital.

"We are in practice together.
Her help, her advice, and her com-
panionship are invaluable from the
professional side. Quite apart
from her being my wife, I could not
wish to work with a better or more
efficient colleague.

"Her profession has not inter-
fered in any way with our home
life. Her children—one is now at
a university, training for the pro-
fession—will bear testimony to the
fact that a medical woman can
make a wonderful mother.

"I do not find, in general practice,
that the supposed antipathy to wo-
men doctors exists among women.
It is quite the contrary. Often,
with certain delicate cases, I have
suggested that my wife should see
my patient for a consultation, and I
have always met with ready agree-
ment to my proposal and a thank-
fulness afterwards.

CAPTAIN AMUNDSEN

An impressive ceremony took
place last month at the
Norwegian Consulate, Liver-
pool, when a short service was
held in honour of the late Captain
Roald Amundsen, the great Nor-
wegian explorer.

The service was convened by the
Norwegian Consul in Liverpool,
Mr. Johan Vogt, and the Norwegian
pastor in Liverpool, the Rev. Sverre
Elke, was present. The ceremony
was timed to synchronise with
similar ceremonies held at mid-day
in Norway, and at all Norwegian
Consulates throughout the world,
requests to this effect having been
sent out beforehand by the Nor-
wegian Foreign Office. The chief
feature of the ceremony was a two-
minutes silence commencing at mid-
day (Norwegian time.)

Mr. M. Johan Vogt, the Consul,
took the opportunity of in-
forming those present who
had not already heard that
the Italian Government had
presented a gold medal to the Nor-
wegian Government, bearing an in-
scription which acknowledged that
"Roald Amundsen was the leader of
the Norwegian expedition which
flew over the North Pole in 1926."

Highgate Magistrate: You object
to being the second woman in the
house?

Wife: I expect I should, if I had
the option.

**MRS. B. L. MANAHAN SAYS: "I KNOW ABSOLUTELY THAT
MY PRESENT GOOD HEALTH AND WONDERFUL VITALITY
ARE DUE TO POO ON CHINESE HERBS."**

Mrs. B. L. Manahan, Route C. Box
273, Modesto, Cal., U.S.A., says:—"I
had suffered for nine years with
female trouble and gastritis. I was
afraid to go to a doctor because they
would surely advise an operation.
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operations on similar cases like mine
I did not have confidence in this
means of regaining my former good
health.

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TANGO MARU Wednesday, 20th March.
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† KOYEI MARU Thursday, 31st January.
TAMBA MARU Monday, 11th February.
SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles,
Mexico & Panama.
ANYO MARU Friday, 1st February.
SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape Town & Ports.
KAWACHI MARU Monday, 4th March.
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DURBAN, LOURENCO MARQUES, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR
& MOHAKA—via Singapore & Colombo.
CHICAGO MARU Tuesday, 6th February.
CALCUTTA—via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.
SEATTLE MARU Friday, 1st February.
(Calls at Belawan Deli).
KASADO MARU Monday, 18th February.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER—via Japan Ports from
Shanghai.
ALABAMA MARU Sunday, 3rd February.
MELBOURNE—via Manila, Brisbane & Sydney.
HIMALAYA MARU Wednesday, 6th February.
BANGKOK—via Saigon.
KOISO MARU Sunday, 3rd February.
HAIPHONG—via Hoihow & Pakhoi.
MENADO MARU Thursday, 31st January 10 a.m.
NEW YORK—via Japan ports, San Francisco & Panama.
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SHINYO MARU Monday, 4th February.
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CANTON MARU Sunday, 3rd February Noon.
HOKAN MARU Sunday, 7th February Noon.
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SHIPPING SECTION.

SAFETY AT SEA

LONDON CONFERENCE AND OVERLOADING

DISCUSSION UNLIKELY

London.—In the House of Commons, Mr. Robert Young asked the President of the Board of Trade whether at the International Diplomatic Conference for the revision of the 1914 Convention of Safety of Life at Sea which his Majesty's Government had taken the initiative of summoning, the question of overloading in its national and international aspects would be discussed. Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister.—The object of the Conference on Safety of Life at Sea, which meets next April, is to revise the 1914 convention, which deals mainly with ocean-going passenger ships, and did not deal with questions of overloading. The coming conference will, I think, be fully occupied with the revision of the 1914 convention. It would not be practicable to have an international discussion on the question of overloading until the revision of the present law and rules by the London Line Committee has been completed and the revised draft has been considered by the other Governments concerned. No time will be lost in pushing on with this preparatory work, but I am afraid there is no chance of its being completed by April.

ALL HOLDS LEAKING

PLIGHT OF S.S. "ASHIHARA MARU"

The Japanese s.s. "Roko Maru" reported at 10 a.m. to-day that she is proceeding to the assistance of the s.s. "Ashihara Maru" and was 10 miles from Moji Point. The "Ashihara Maru" was reported to be leaking in all holds, having grounded in the Hainan Straits.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The P. & O. s.s. "Padua" which left Singapore for this port on Jan. 21 at 2 p.m., arrived here yesterday at about 2 p.m.

The B.I. s.s. "Santhia" left Kobe for this port on Thursday morning, and was due here this morning.

The B.I. s.s. "Takada" left Singapore for this port last Wednesday afternoon, and is due here this afternoon.

The P. & O. s.s. "Alipore" left Shanghai for this port on Jan. 26 at noon, and is due here to-day at about 5 p.m.

The E. & A. s.s. "Arafura" left Moji for this port on Friday afternoon, and is due here to-morrow morning.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" arrived at Kobe to-day at 8.30 a.m. left Kobe same day at 4 p.m., and is due at Yokohama to-morrow at 2 p.m.

The P. & O. s.s. "Macedonia" left Singapore for this port on Sunday at 9 a.m. with the outward English Mails, and is due here on Thursday at about 4 p.m.

The M.V. "Nippon" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.), left Dunkirk on Dec. 24, and is due here on Thursday.

The Dollar Liner "President Lincoln" will sail from this port for Manila at 2 a.m. to-morrow. Homebound, she will sail as per schedule on Feb. 5.

The Ben Line s.s. "Benedict" from Middlesbrough, Dunkirk, Antwerp, London, Straits and Philippines, is due to arrive here on Feb. 6.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Australia" (R.W. Cruise) is due at Hong Kong on Feb. 13 at a.m.

Projected arrivals at and departures from Hong Kong of steamers under the management of the Bank Line, Ltd., are as follows:—
Arrivals at Hong Kong
S.S. "Polaris" from New York, Feb. 1.
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S.S. "City of Guildford" from New York, March 2.
S.S. "Rosier" from New York, March 2.

Sailings from Hong Kong
S.S. "Polaris" to Saigon, Feb. 8.
S.S. "City of Madras" to London, Rotterdam and Hamburg, Feb. 9.
S.S. "Myrtlebank" to Boston, New York and Baltimore, Feb. 15.
S.S. "City of Khartoum" to Shanghai and Japan ports, Feb. 25.
S.S. "City of Guildford" to Shanghai, March 5.
S.S. "Rosier" to Shanghai and Japan ports, March 5.

Fortunately we are exceptionally well-equipped to deal with any boom that may come along; British companies having during the past ten years steadily improved the type of vessel they send to China and developed their regular freight and passenger services. The British steamship services to Canada and United States via the Pacific and the Panama Canal and to Europe, via Suez, are now, both as regards comfort, speed and care of cargo, second to none, and they should have nothing to fear from increasing American and Japanese competition.

F. E. SHIPPING

BRIGHTER PROSPECTS FOR 1929

BRITAIN'S REDUCED LEAD

Given a continuance of the present lull in civil war in China there is every reason to hope that a marked improvement in all branches of the shipping trade will be seen in 1929. Such is the forecast made by Mr. H. H. Fox, C.M.G., Commercial Counsellor, British Legation, Peking, in a report on the trade situation in China to September 1, 1928, just issued by the Department of Overseas Trade. Inter alia, the report says:

As the statistical secretary aptly remarks in his report on the trade of China for 1927, "In a year which proved so disastrous to the China trade little comfort can be derived from shipping statistics," but from the British point of view we have at least the consolation of knowing that whatever hardships may have been made by competitors in the commercial supremacy we at one time enjoyed in the foreign trade of China, as regards shipping, both ocean, coast and river, we still lead the way, though it must be admitted that our lead has been reduced considerably in recent years, first by the Japanese and latterly by the Chinese themselves, as will be seen from the following table:

Shipping—Vessels entered and cleared—1923, 1924, 1927			
(In million tons)			
Flag	1923	1924	1927
British	51.98	47.64	40.2
Japanese	38.23	38.94	35.7
Chinese	29.02	26.45	18.2
American	5.96	6.49	5.5
German	1.36	2.99	3.2
Norwegian84	3.30	2.9
Other flags ...	7.86	8.84	10.2

The drop in tonnage of Chinese vessels in 1927 is abnormal, and was caused by wholesale commandeering of Chinese coast and river steamers for military purposes.

Many Difficulties
Shipping in China during 1927 and the first half of 1928 was attended by many difficulties. The general depression in the China trade shown in the returns naturally weakened the demand for ocean-going tonnage, while civil war in Central China dislocated the Yangtze trade for many months, involving, as it did, the commandeering of vessels for military purposes (whereby the Chinese were, of course, the principal sufferers) and preventing imports going up and exports coming down that great waterway. This was especially noticeable in regard to the Upper Yangtze trade.

Minor drawbacks were a recrudescence of piracy of large foreign steamers reminiscent of the early eighties in China, one or two unfortunate shipping strikes in British and Chinese companies and, on the Upper Yangtze, a deliberate attempt to put a stop to all steam navigation except for military purposes by the systematic bombardment of all steamers passing given points which, but for the constant vigilance and prompt reprisals of the foreign gunboats patrolling the river, would have brought this extremely hazardous but lucrative trade to a complete standstill.

It is interesting to note that according to a recently published official report, there are now over 70 small steamers plying regularly between Ichang, Chungking and beyond, with registered tonnage ranging from 31 to 694 tons, and horse power from about 100 h.p. to 3,500 as compared with one small steamer, the Shantung and flat when in 1908 the writer of this report first went up the Yangtze in a Chinese junk. The average time for the journey from Ichang to Chungking through the gorges has thus been reduced from one month to three days. On this Upper Yangtze run there are now employed 15 British steamers of aggregate tonnage of 5,337, 11 American of 2,934 tons, and 26 Chinese of 3,672 tons.

The year 1927 can hardly have been a good one in the freight market though rates to Europe were generally maintained at Conference rates. On the other hand rates to United States declined some 30 per cent, partly on account of shortage of cargo, and partly due to Japanese competition. Coasting trade did not do so badly as there was, for reasons already mentioned, at times a real shortage of tonnage, while on the Upper Yangtze freight owing to the conditions above described soared to undreamed-of heights, as much as 30 t.d. being paid for a bale of cotton goods between Ichang and Chungking.

Ready For Boom
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Fortunately we are exceptionally well-equipped to deal with any boom that may come along; British companies having during the past ten years steadily improved the type of vessel they send to China and developed their regular freight and passenger services. The British steamship services to Canada and United States via the Pacific and the Panama Canal and to Europe, via Suez, are now, both as regards comfort, speed and care of cargo, second to none, and they should have nothing to fear from increasing American and Japanese competition.

A regular fortnightly service from Hong Kong to Canada, via Japan ports, is maintained by the fast "Empress" liners who hold the record for the carriage of silk from Hong Kong to New York in 21½ days, while on the Suez run there is an embarras de choix between the Peninsular and Oriental, who are shortly placing their new 16,000-ton "R" class of vessel on the Far Eastern run, the Blue Funnel with their fine fleet of one-class passenger and freight steamers, the Shire and Glen Line motorships and steamers, the Elderman and Bucknall and other smaller lines.

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			Noon	
TANDA	6,954	5th	Feb.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
TALAMBA	8,013	12th	Feb.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe, Yama & Osaka.
KHIVA	9,135	15th	Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
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ST. ALBANS	4,500	6th	Mar.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
		8th	Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
KHYRER	9,114	8th	Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
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NALDERA	16,088	15th	Mar.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
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U.S. BOARD'S RECOMMENDATIONS TO CONGRESS

ECONOMIC PROBLEMS

In a report to the Senate and House, the U.S. Shipping Board

urges Congress to accept eight recommendations for legislation to assist private shipping interests.

They are as follows:—

Adopt codification of navigation laws.

Accept International Marine Convention of 1910 by domestic law rather than by treaty.

Pass Load Line bill before London Conference takes place next spring.

Exempt U.S. vessels operating in foreign trades from income taxes when the amount exempted is applied to new building.

Make Panama R. R. S. S. Line and Army and Navy transport business available to private U.S. shipping interests.

Provide funds for naval reserve, authorized.

Investigate marine insurance.

In its report the Board reviews the progress made under the Merchant Marine Act of 1920, popularly known as the Jones-White law.

Expressing optimism for the beneficial effects of this law the Board states:—

"It is too soon to attempt to evaluate the actual results of the working out of this measure, but already there are indications that considerable new construction in U.S. yards will be undertaken at an early date, while other signs point to a stimulated desire on the part of private American citizens to acquire some of the steamship lines now being operated by the board."

"The new measure may therefore be said to give very reasonable indication of accomplishing the three main purposes for which it was enacted, namely, to assist in the development of the U.S. merchant marine generally, to aid in increasing the foreign commerce of the United States, and to facilitate the transfer of the Government's war-built fleet and established service to private U.S. ownership."

"With a full understanding of the magnitude of its task and of the economic problems facing it, the Board realizes that these purposes cannot be accomplished overnight. The enactment of the Merchant Marine Act of 1920, supplementing the legislation previously enacted, should be looked upon as aiding in the solution of current problems, but not as eliminating them altogether."

Changing Shipping Problem

"Due to constantly fluctuating conditions in the world's ocean-carrying trade, the shipping problem, far from being static and fixed, is always changing. It follows that unless our plans for the merchant marine are made flexible, in order to meet changing conditions, we may find that the remedy which effectually disposes of the problems of to-day will completely fail to solve those arising to-morrow. Of one thing we may be sure—the U.S. shipping industry cannot stand still. If it does not keep abreast of the times it will be forced into a subordinate position by the activities of its foreign competitors."

At the same time the report undertakes to show the substantial advancement in the Government's policy of transferring Shipping Board tonnage to private American control. During the fiscal year for which the report is made four complete lines, aggregating 45 vessels having 401,892 deadweight tons, and an additional two vessels, having 19,260 deadweight tons, were sold for guaranteed operation, the Board states.

In addition to these, 20 ships, with a total deadweight tonnage of 133,942 were sold to private U.S. owners, according to the report.

This record brought the total sales to June 30, 1928, up to 1,557, with an aggregate deadweight tonnage of 7,587,238. Fifteen established lines are included in this total.

With the sales completed as of the date of the report, a total of only 768 vessels remain in the Government's possession. The past fiscal year, the Board points out, saw the sale of all the Government's remaining lines on the Pacific Ocean.

The report maintains that the 21 lines still being operated by the Board, together with 508 ships in the laid-up fleet, are offered for sale to American citizens at low prices, and on attractive terms.

The report points out that "in making its recommendations to facilitate the transfer of the Government's war-built fleet to private ownership, under conditions assuring permanency of operation, the Board stressed the point that the recommendations were to be looked upon as carrying the endorsement not only of the Shipping Board, but of representatives of the country's private shipping interests as well."

Jones-White Act

The report characterized the "Jones-White Act" as the outstanding event of the year so far as the U.S. merchant marine was concerned, and one of the most important legislative measures ever passed by Congress in the interest of U.S. shipping.

The general reorganization of the Merchant Fleet Corporation, which was made effective during

the fiscal year 1927, providing for grouping of all activities of a similar character in one department under one responsible department head, and administration of the business activities of these departments in accordance with approved commercial practices, has proved of substantial value in effecting the task of administrative supervision of the Merchant Fleet Corporation during the fiscal year 1928, the report states.

Conclusion in the report referring to the year's work of the Government's ship operating agency follows:—

"The greatest handicap to the economical operation of the established Shipping Board lines has been the lack of vessels of suitable speed, type, and equipment to successfully compete with the privately owned foreign-flag vessels operating competitively on the same trade routes."

"Although the vessels are kept in excellent condition, are thoroughly sea-worthy, and are equal to any other vessels of the same type and class, they cannot compete on an equal footing with the foreign-flag vessels of modern design, greater speed, and with equipment more suitable for the particular service in which they are engaged."

"Although many of the present lines are beginning to show indications of being placed upon a profitable basis, several of the lines show no indication of any such improvement, and the only course is to inaugurate a reasonable shipbuilding programme to provide vessels of suitable type, speed, and tonnage for these lines if they are to be maintained under Government operation, and so developed as to offer inducement for private ownership and operation."

A MYSTERY

WHERE DID THE FOUR BAGS GO TO

Lo Chan-yau, chief officer of the s.s. "Tai Po Sek," reported that between 6 and 6.45 a.m. yesterday when the vessel was at sea some person entered his cabin, the door of which had not been locked, and stole four bags each containing \$1,000 in Chinese 20-cent pieces. The money was being consigned to the Kwong Wu Tan, and King Cheung Tai, exchange shops in Hong Kong.

HONG KONG TIDE.

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The times and heights are given for Kaulung; but they may be used for the Victoria Naval Yard and Aberdeen, the differences being very small. The times of high and low water must not be considered to coincide with the times of slack-water and change of current, the two phenomena being quite distinct.

January 25 to 31, 1929.

DATE		HIGH WATER.		LOWER WATER.	
Jan.	Standard Times	Ht.	Standard Times	Ht.	
Fri. 26	10 51	4.3	3 51	0.2	
	9 36	8.3	2 34	2.3	
Sat 27	11 33	4.8	4 38	0.9	
	9 58	8.1	3 15	2.8	
Sun. 28	10 10	4.3	5 14	0.4	
	10 45	7.7	4 1	8.1	
Mon. 29	9 47	4.4	5 54	0.8	
	11 23	7.3	4 50	8.1	
Tues. 30	1 25	4.5	6 33	1.2	
			5 48	3.2	
Wed 31	0 20	6.5	7 12	1.7	
	8 5	4.7	6 45	2.4	
Thurs 1	1 7	5.7	7 52	2.8	
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IN 1928

MANY NEW ORDERS LAST QUARTER

BERTHS STILL EMPTY

Conditions in the shipbuilding industry, which as recently as September were at their very worst, have undergone decided improvement in the closing months of the year.

The large number of new contracts which have been booked since the beginning of October should suffice to tide the yards over the winter months.

Even so, however, many berths remain empty—a few weeks ago 60 per cent. of them were vacant—and according to the Ministry of Labour "Gazette" the industry is still in the unenviable position of returning the greatest number of unemployed people, viz., 82.6 per cent.

Twelve months since, the unemployed shipyard workers numbered, 47,000. The present figure is 60,000. This heavy increase affords the best commentary on the optimistic statement made in Parliament with regard to the shipbuilding outlook. In some districts the situation is worse than in others. On the North-East Coast, for example, nearly half the registered shipyard hands are out of work. That is the black side of the picture.

On the brighter side there is the fact that orders for new ships have been coming in, not only more freely, but much more steadily, in the last three months. The most favoured districts are the "Clyde" and the "Mersey." Both launched a considerable aggregate of tonnage in the past year, and both have important contracts in hand.

The Tynes district is less fortunate, as its unemployment statistics indicate. Local shipbuilders have been doing their utmost to secure orders, but they have met with indifferent success, and the new contracts booked have been obtained at prices which leave the smallest margin of profit, if any at all.

Naval Contracts Delay

Warship construction, which used to represent large percentage of the national tonnage output, is nowadays extremely limited, and only at Barrow does it continue to be a staple industry. In fact, all the ships launched there in the present year were built for naval service. Disappointment is expressed at the Admiralty's delay in placing the 1929 group of naval contracts, which for Budget reasons are not to be given out much before the end of the financial year.

Interesting events of the year were the placing of orders for two gigantic liners. From Messrs. Harland and Wolff, Belfast, the White Star Company ordered a "super-Olympic," which, with a gross tonnage of 60,000, will be the largest vessel in the world; and Messrs. John Brown and Company, Clydebank, were entrusted by the Canadian Pacific Railway with the building of the "Empress of Britain," of 40,000 tons gross, which is the second largest vessel ever laid down on the Clyde.

For the dearth of orders from which the industry has suffered this year two main factors are held responsible; the unsatisfactory state of the freight markets and the tendency of owners to hold back contracts for new ships in the hope of obtaining better prices. Happily the freight outlook is improving, and on the other hand, owners are now beginning to realise that shipbuilding costs have touched rock-bottom. Hence the increased volume of new orders in the past quarter, which may be said to have saved the situation in the nick of time.



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MAINTAINING ORDER

Two views can be taken of the regrettable occurrence in the south of Kiangsi province where an American missionary has been captured by Communists who are holding him to ransom. The mere fact that ransom has been mentioned proves that the captors, be they really Communists or not, are no different from the everyday brigand. Thousands of Chinese have been held prisoner for profit. The number of foreigners who have thus been maltreated is infinitesimal, comparatively, even if the notorious Lincheng Incident be taken into account. In the absence of evidence to the contrary, therefore, we shall record the abduction of Mr. Edward Young as another reminder of an unfortunate side of Sino-foreign relations. One point has to be borne in mind, however. This is, that many so-called Communists are at large in the south of Kiangsi province, roaming an extensive area which abuts into the north of Hong Kong's neighbour, Kwangtung. Whether they are subsidised or not by Russia, or how they exist without outside help, is a matter for conjecture. Our object in drawing attention to them is to show, as far as possible, that alarm need not be felt and that the capture of Mr. Young has no bearing on bigger issues in which other nations are interested.

Kiangsi is ruled directly by a group led by General Chu Pei-teh of Yunnan. His army comprises, mainly, former Yunnan mercenaries who have become "nationalised." Political ties deter him from entering zealously into a campaign to crush the Reds in his sphere, much as he may desire to do so. To a certain extent, Kiangsi is one of the provinces ruled from the national capital at Nanking. General Chu Pei-teh supported Nanking heart and soul in the last stage of the drive which culminated in the taking over of Peking and the establishment of Nationalism in the North. Yet Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, as head of the Government in Nanking, is only lukewarm in his feelings toward General Chu Pei-teh. Obviously, such a state of affairs is due to what occurred before, in that General Chu took little active part in the war—by force of circumstances. He held a high command in that ill-defined area known as the rear. And that was about all. At present, General Chu has to sit on the proverbial fence while momentous decisions are being reached at Nanking.

We have yet to learn that systematic reduction of armies has been put into force as the result of the Disbandment Conference functioning in Nanking. Once Marshal Chiang Kai-shek carries the day, the strength of the National Government will have been proved. Unification in fact will be brought forward materially. Then General Chu Pei-teh will need have no fear of possible aggression from adjacent provinces, whether these be supporters of Nanking or not. His hands will be free to rid the province he holds of one of its vital evils. The bandits who profess Communism could then be dealt with easily, if only to prevent repetition of endangering the lives of foreigners. The question resolves itself into one of: Will Chiang Kai-shek be able to achieve real unity—unity with no more of the jealousy of individual generals—by endorsing the National Government with the power to lay down the law all over the country? Such a test would, or should, have been made at a national convocation of the Nationalist Party. Because there were doubts whether Chiang Kai-shek would succeed, and failure would be fatal, that conference

has not been summoned. Chiang Kai-shek limited the test to one of whether he would be obeyed on disbandment. If he is, the provinces will be in a better position to maintain order—being free to do so—and the national convocation, with such wide consequences to the whole of China's future, ought not to bristle with difficulties.

Anglo-American Relations

The remarks made at Birmingham on Saturday by Mr. A. B. Houghton, the American Ambassador in London, and Sir Austen Chamberlain, the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, are timely. There has been at home and elsewhere of late quite a lot of more or less relevant statements made, both verbally and in print, of alleged strained relations between Great Britain and the United States and, on examination, it has been found that nothing whatever justifies anything in the nature of the pessimistic note which appears to have prevailed in certain quarters, for example in the article in the "Nation" by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald. Anglo-American amity is to-day, unquestionably, on a more solid foundation than it has been for many a year past. It is probable that the recent disclosures regarding the much discussed "compromise" between the British and French Governments regarding naval and military matters came somewhat as an unpleasant shock to our American friends and what seemed like secrecy surrounding the affair made it even more irritating. But the explanation, readily proffered, as to the origin and intention of the "compromise" soon dispelled all misgivings among rational people. As Sir Austen Chamberlain has stated this is the only matter that could reasonably be regarded as having given rise to any sort of misunderstanding between U.S.A. and Britain; and therefore the pessimists have had a very poor foundation upon which to build their gloomy views. There is no bad feeling existing as the outcome of any rivalry, either economic or imperial, between Americans or Britons, and no right-thinking citizen of the United States or subject of King George the Fifth seriously believes that there is any such rivalry. The people of both countries are well aware of the incalculable value that exists in a continuance of their cordial relations, not only to themselves but to the world generally.

Truth is larger than the interests of our organisations and much larger than our programmes. Wisdom is not solely of the mighty or of officials. The whole is more than the part; and the city that does not permit the poor wise man to open his mouth is appointed to be destroyed. The Methodist Recorder, London.

Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co., on behalf of Messrs. Scott and Bowne, Ltd., London, send us a new and useful ash tray, advertising Scott's Emulsion.

The annual distribution of prizes will take place at the Ellis Kadoorie School for Indians on Saturday next at 10.00 a.m. Mr. A. el Arculli will distribute the prizes.

Mr. F. W. Wood, who was summoned before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday for speeding along Nathan road on Jan. 18, was fined \$10. The defendant, who denied the allegation that he had driven his car at a speed of 44 miles an hour, admitted exceeding the speed limit.

Armed with a warrant, the police raided a house at No. 79, Yu Chun-street, 1st floor, Shamshui, yesterday and seized a die for making 5-cent pieces, a number of 5-cent pieces, 50 10-cent pieces, 25 50-cent pieces and a quantity of lead and some tools. A man and a woman were arrested.

Capt. F. G. le Gros, R.A., was cautioned by Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday on a summons for failing to keep to the left side of Salisbury road, the defendant being alleged to have gone via the "bus route" at the Ferry. His Worship pointed out that there should be a notice informing motorists that the middle road at the ferry was for buses only.

At the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, a postman was charged, before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, with delivering letters 24 hours late, and with defacing the postmark on two letters addressed to Miss Lulu Xavier, of "Pine View," No. 800, Kowloon Tong. Defendant, who admitted the charges, was fined \$10 on the first count and \$25 on the other.

An accident occurred at the Kwong Tak Cheong shipyard, To Kwa-wan, yesterday afternoon, a man falling from the upper deck into the shipyard, a distance of about 22 feet. He was immediately taken to the hospital in a serious condition.

Chan Wah, a shop feld of No. 7, Lee Yuen-street, who was charged with boarding the a.s. "Kinshan" without permission of the master, failed to appear at the Marine Court this morning. His bail of \$20 was accordingly estreated.

"The John Ambulance Brigade are organising a "House to House" system of vaccination. All men engaged in the work will wear Brigade Uniform. No compulsion can be exercised. The main purpose of the campaign is to induce mothers to allow their young babies to be vaccinated. Handbills to this effect will be distributed.

POLICE RESERVE

NEW ORDERS BY THE C.S.P.

NIGHT PATROLS

Orders by the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G., Captain Superintendent of Police.

General Inspection

A general inspection of the whole Police Reserve by the Hon. Captain Superintendent of Police accompanied by the Hon. Commissioners of Police will take place at the Central Police Station on Thursday, January 31, at 5.15 p.m. sharp. All members are to attend. Dress—winter uniform, belts without frogs. No cap covers and no truncheons.

Chinese Company

Strength.—Constable R33, Johnson Sim, has been permitted to resign, having completed one year's service, with effect from January 18, 1929.

Signalling.—The Signalling Squad will attend at the Company's Headquarters for instruction in Morse and Semaphore under Mr. R. C. Wilson on Thursday, January 31, at 6.45 p.m.

"First Aid" to the Injured.—Class for instruction in First Aid will be held at the Company's Headquarters on Wednesday, January 30, at 5.30 p.m. sharp.

Chinese New Year Holidays.—All instructional classes and parades for members of the Chinese Company will be suspended after Thursday, January 31, until Wednesday, February 20.

Indian Company

Parade.—The Indian Company will parade at Police Headquarters on Tuesday, February 5 for drill under Sergeant P. Condon. Fall in at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Dress—Blue Uniform, Belt and Caps without cover.

Flying Squad

Strength.—Dr. G. H. Thomas, Assistant Superintendent of Police (R) is permitted to resign upon completing one full year's service with effect from January 23.

Promotion.—Crown Sergeant R333 B. C. Randall has been appointed Sub-Inspector and to be in command of the Flying Squad Section.

Special Night Patrols.—Members of the Hong Kong Section will parade at Central Police Station on Tuesday, January 29 and on Sunday, February 3 for special night patrols. Fall in at 8 p.m. sharp. Dress—Winter Uniform.

The weekly instructional patrol of the Kowloon Section will take place on Tuesday, January 29. Fall in at the Tsim-tsu-tsi Fire Brigade Station at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Dress—Winter Uniform.

There will be no instructional patrol of the Hong Kong Section on Thursday, January 31, owing to the General Inspection of the whole Police Reserve.

Sharpshooters Company.—Motor Patrols.—Motor patrols will be carried out on both the Hong Kong and Kowloon sides on Wednesday, January 30 at 9 a.m.

The Kowloon patrol will assemble at the Star Ferry Wharf, Kowloon at 8.45 p.m. under Crown Sergeant Field.

The Hong Kong patrol will assemble at the same hour at Police Headquarters.

General Inspection.—All members of the Company will assemble at Police Headquarters on Thursday, January 31 at 5 p.m. A photograph of the Company as per notices sent to each man.

"Defendu" Class.—This will be held on Monday, February 4 at Police Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. under Sergeant R. J. Hunt. Uniform optional.

Revolver Practice.—Revolver practice will be carried out at Kennedy Road Range on Sunday, February 3 at 10 a.m. Members will assemble at the range at that hour with belts and holsters with revolvers. Uniform optional.

D. L. KNOX, D.S.P. (R)
Hong Kong, January 28/1929.

THE NEW NOTES

WHEN 24 FEELS LIKE 50.

TRICKED BY THICKNESS

The thickness of the new Bank of England £1 and 10s. notes compared with that of the old Treasury notes has given an unpleasant surprise to people who carry a wallet of notes. A correspondent writes:

The new notes disappear more quickly because, being thicker, they make you think you have got more money than is really the case.

Like most people who have to carry fair-sized sums, I glance inside my wallet occasionally to see the thickness of the wad. My wallet deceived me right down to the last £4, which I regarded as six until I counted the notes.

A "Daily Mail" reporter who measured bundles of the old and new notes found that £500 in the old notes made a thickness of 1½ inches, while the same value with the new measured 1¼ inches.

A bundle of the new £1 notes of the thickness of £500 worth of the old Treasury notes would be worth only £366. Anyone used to judging the value of a wad by thickness and weight would therefore think himself £134 richer than he really was.

Bank clerks say that the new notes are much more difficult to handle than the old ones.

PROFESSOR SUED

MORE ABOUT "A WRECKED CAREER"

Amusing passages were heard at Aberdeen last month in the action in which Mr. Lewis Coutts, formerly a student in the Aberdeen University, sues Professor Jack for £5,000, claiming that sum for loss sustained in respect of the defender's alleged wrongful refusal to allow him to attend the Honours English Class at the University, which the pursuer states has wrecked his career. The pursuer conducted his own case.

Dr. Abbott, lecturer in English, said that in an interview with Professor Jack he considered that Mr. Coutts was dominating, and he adopted an insulting tone. It was a tone of voice that a student should not use to a professor.

Mr. Coutts: Could you have excluded me from your class because of my literary opinions? If I had paid my fees I could have come into your class even if I wrote "Hey Diddle Diddle, the Cat and the Fiddle." (Laughter.) You could not have put me out of the class.

Dr. Abbott: That question has not arisen with me; but I do not suppose I should tolerate anyone writing "Hey Diddle Diddle" for a whole season. (Laughter.) Witness denied a suggestion made by Mr. Coutts that Professor Jack was inclined to treat ex-Services men as children.

Mr. Crawford, Inspector of Schools, said he was an external examiner in Aberdeen University, and had occasion to consider a paper submitted by Mr. Coutts in 1922 in advanced English. He thought the answers were below the required standard both in literature and language.

Professor Jack, the defender, said Mr. Coutts adopted the position that he declined to conform with his (the professor's) ideas of teaching English literature.

Counsel: "Did Coutts make it plain that he asserted the right to present answers to your examination papers constructed according to his own ideas and not according to yours?—Certainly."

Did you assent to those proposals?—Certainly not. If I had assented to Mr. Coutts's demand and agreed to pass the students on his standard (should have been doing a shameful harm to the other students who had worked hard for honours degrees).

Was he uniformly courteous and civil?—Oh, no.

Was he ever courteous and civil?—There were times when he was fatherly. (Laughter.)

The Sheriff: Does a fatherly attitude always imply courtesy? (Laughter.)

Witness said that never at any time had he told Mr. Coutts that he was mad. In the report of his conversations that Mr. Coutts had made he did not generally recognise his own phraseology. (Laughter.)

Counsel: Were you at any time actuated by motives of malice or ill will towards Mr. Coutts?—I had no conceivable reason to be. It came as a bolt from the blue, added witness, when he got a letter from Mr. Coutts, in which he said: "I now give you a final opportunity to withdraw repeated statements by you to me from time to time, namely, that I was mad, ignorant, and silly." When using the word silly he (the professor) meant "don't be absurd." He never replied to that letter as he did not think it required a reply.

KHALSA DIWAN

MEET IN HONOUR OF THE
INDIAN A.S.P.'S

ROOF GARDEN PARTY

On the roof garden of the Hong Kong Hotel yesterday afternoon, members of the Khalsa Diwan, other representatives of the local Sikh community, and of the Sikh merchants, gave a tea party in honour of their President, Sirdar Sahib Mohinder Singh, who is one of the two newly appointed Indian Assistant Superintendents of Police, the first non-Europeans to receive the appointment in the history of the local Police Force.

Among those present were the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G. (Captain Superintendent of Police), Mr. P. J. Wodehouse, C.I.E. (Deputy Superintendent), Mr. T. H. King (Director of Criminal Intelligence), Mr. D. Burlingham (Assistant Superintendent and other officers of the Hong Kong Police Force, the Hon. Sir Joseph Kemp (Attorney-General), Mr. H. Green (Superintendent of the Botanical and Forestry Department), Mr. J. W. Franks (Superintendent of Prisons), and their ladies.

Mr. Bishen Singh, who presided, welcomed Mr. Wolfe and the others. He said the purpose of the gathering was to offer heartfelt congratulations to Sirdar Sahib Mohinder Singh on his recent promotion to the rank of A.S.P. Mr. Mohinder Singh had been a member of the committee of the Khalsa Diwan for almost 20 years, and during his long period served the Diwan in various capacities, such as Secretary and President, and he was President of the Diwan for the present year. He had also been on the committee of the Indian Recreation Club for a number of years, and was now Vice-President.

"For the First Time"

The particular reason for the Khalsa Diwan to congratulate him publicly was that it was for the first time in the history of Hong Kong that Indians had been appointed to the rank of Assistant Superintendent of Police, and Sirdar Sahib Mohinder Singh was one of them.

"I am sure it will not only be a matter of pleasure but also of pride to his people in India to hear of his promotion. I may, by the way, here say that some of his relations are holding very important posts in Patiala state, one of them, Sirdar Bachittar Singh, being a Judge, and the other Sirdar Bhagwan Singh, an Inspector of schools in that state. I might mention here that in the old days about the year 1900 the highest rank for an Indian in the Police Force of the Colony was that of Sergeant Major. Some years later, I think in the time of the late Sir Henry May, the rank of Jemadar was created. Later, as the Force increased, higher ranks were added, the rank of Jemadar being changed into that of Inspector, which made room for appointing two Sub-Inspectors. But the present promotion of the two senior Indian Officers, Sirdar Sahib Mohinder Singh and Khan Sahib Nawab Khan, to the rank of Assistant Superintendent of Police, which was quite unexpected is due to the appreciative faculty of the Hon. Mr. Wolfe, and therefore we all have to thank Mr. Wolfe for affording the Khalsa Diwan this opportunity of welcoming you all here to-day."

Indian Officers

He added that the Indian section of the Police Force in Hong Kong could now pride itself on having two Assistant Superintendents of Police, two Inspectors, two Sub-Inspectors and four Sergeant Majors, whereas there was but one Sergeant Major in the entire Indian Police Force of the Colony in 1900. This they owed to the capable administration of Mr. Wolfe and his other able officers. He added:

"On behalf of the Khalsa Diwan I take this opportunity of tendering our thanks to the Hon. Mr. Wolfe for recommending Sirdar Sahib Mohinder Singh and Khan Sahib Nawab Khan, and His Excellency the Governor for his approval of these appointments. In conclusion I take this opportunity of expressing our gratitude to you, sir, for the innumerable services rendered to the Khalsa Diwan by you. The Diwan likewise owes gratitude to your predecessors and other officers concerned who, have been, similarly useful. To the Diwan your services have been so valuable, that your name will always be remembered with great respect and gratitude."

On behalf of the Khalsa Diwan, he tendered to Sirdar Sahib Mohinder Singh the warmest congratulations on his promotion, and the same to Khan Sahib Nawab Khan. (Applause.)

The C.S.P.'s Reply

The Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe said he heartily endorsed all that had fallen from the lips of Mr. Bishen Singh. It was a curious fact that many of them connected with the

MR. T. H. GOSDEN

DEATH OF POPULAR NAVAL
YARD EMPLOYEE

FUNERAL LAST NIGHT

Shortly after midnight on Sunday morning, the death occurred of Mr. Thomas Henry Gosden, clerk in the Torpedo Depot of the Royal Naval Yard, Kowloon.

The deceased, who was 54 years of age, came to Hong Kong from Home about 18 months ago. In this comparatively short length of residence in the Colony, Mr. Gosden made a large circle of friends both in the Naval Yard and outside, and was a very popular member of the Kowloon community.

A short time ago he was in hospital suffering from abdominal trouble but was discharged after a brief rest. He again fell a victim to the complaint and passed away shortly after midnight on Sunday morning, leaving a widow to mourn his death.

There was a large attendance at the funeral which took place at the Protestant Cemetery yesterday afternoon, the Rev. G. H. Hewitt, officiating.

Among those present were Capt. W. H. Mitchell (Torpedo Engineer Officer), Messrs. E. J. Gill, W. C. Noise, F. Oliver, F. Foul, W. E. Nicholson, H. House, W. T. Hughes, C. Bennett, W. J. P. Bickford, and many others.

Wreaths were sent by Commodore R. A. S. Hill, European staff, Torpedo Depot; Chinese Chemical Staff, Torpedo Sub Depot; His Colleagues, Admiralty, London; Chief Engineer and Officers, H. M. Dockyard; Royal Naval Yard Police; The Agreement Employees' Association, H. M. Naval Yard; Staff of the Royal Naval Armament Depot, Arsenal Yard; Royal Dockyard Recreation Club; Kowloon Football Club; Diocesan Girls' School; European Officers and Staff; Naval Store Office; C.S.C.A.; Members and Commanders Department, Naval Yard; Expense Accounts Staff, and many others.

According to statistics of the Customs House authorities at Yokohama 2,920 foreign passengers arrived at the port during the last six months of 1928. Of the figure Americans occupy first place and Chinese come next. Details follow: American, 1,295; Chinese, 460; British, 394; Filipinos, 125; French, 68; Russian, 56; German, 52; Dutch, 20; Spanish, 17; Italian, 15; Danish, 11; Swiss, 10; Swedish, 6; Austrian, Indian, Canadian and Australian, four respectively; Argentine, Czechoslovakian, Belgian, Norwegian, Roumanian, three respectively; Chilean, Brazilian, Mexican, Peruvian, Polish, two respectively; Greek, Hungarian, Siamese, Turkish, and Croat, one respectively.

Hong Kong Civil Service, and who were present there were practically contemporaneous with one another. In the case of Mr. Mohinder Singh, they had both joined, if not almost on the same day then in the same part of the year. As he had previously remarked, on the last occasion when they had kindly entertained him in that same hall, a great deal in a force like that of the Hong Kong Police depended on the officers, and a great deal of the efficiency of the Indian Force depended on its officers.

He thought that they would all agree with him that with a large force numbering some 700 men, they surely must have two Indian officers of commissioned rank; and it was on that account, and also on account of the splendid services of both these officers who were there, that he recommended to His Excellency the Governor that the time had come for them to be promoted to commissioned rank. His Excellency was pleased to approve.

30 Years' Devoted Service
The present promotion was the outcome of over 30 years devoted service to the Hong Kong Government. He would also like to thank Mr. Mohinder Singh for his services as President of the Khalsa Diwan. Through all that time, Mohinder Singh had stood loyally by the Government, assisting it in settling difficult questions connected with his community.

He would now like to join Mr. Bishen Singh in expressing congratulations on Mr. Mohinder Singh's promotion, and he would take the opportunity to thank Mr. Bishen Singh for the flattering references to himself. He should like also to thank the Council of the Khalsa Diwan for asking them to be there on that auspicious occasion. (Applause.)

Mr. Mohinder Singh, in responding said he could not find adequate words with which to express his thanks for the honour bestowed on him that afternoon by the Khalsa Diwan. His services to the Khalsa Diwan had hardly, he thought, made him deserving of this honour. His promotion was due to the efforts of the Hon. Mr. Wolfe, their popular Captain Superintendent of Police.

"SOMETHING DOING"

THE COYNE MUSICAL
COMPANY

CLEVER LITTLE BAND

Fred Coyne's clever little company excelled in a rollicking programme of variety last evening at the Star and the Company appear fresher each time one sees them.

"Something Doing" went with a rare swing, the singing and dancing being of the brightest and Joyce Mason had to respond to a most persistent call for one of her most popular items. The Company excels in small plays and scenes. There was a delightful musical opening by Miss Winifred Vivyan, R.C.M. in The House Cabaret the final item of the evening, which concluded with a delightful duet with Miss Paula Loraine and the accompanist. The Russian Lullaby was accorded a great reception and encore.

Mr. Sidney Burl was as popular as ever and Mr. Fred Coyne was at his best, which is warm praise for the very popular Director.

Miss Joan Carlin sang sweetly several new numbers and Roy Shirley sustained the brightness throughout in many clever dancing items.

The Company are well worth seeing and are concluding their stay with two more performances to-night and to-morrow. Their visit to Kowloon has been acceptable to local theatre audiences.

IN OTHER PLACES

CHRONICLES FROM JAPAN
TO JAVA

Miss Harb of the Methodist Mission, Ipoh, is being transferred to Singapore.

Mr. F. E. de Paula, Manager in the F.M.S., of the Straits Trading Coy., and Mrs. de Paula have arrived in Ipoh from Home.

Rules made by the Straits Governor in Council regarding the registration of imports and exports were published in a "Gazette" Extraordinary.

Mr. J. B. Carr, formerly of the Education Department, Singapore, has returned from Europe and taken up the appointment of Head Master of the Government English School, Kuala Pilah.

Under the distinguished patronage of Mrs. Lee Choo-huan and Mr. Aw Boon-haw, the United Chinese Musical Association staged "Nayi Saminah and Ahmad Marican" on January 24 at Sunlight Hall (New World), Singapore.

An Indian who was seeking to bail out a countryman who was charged in the Police Courts, Singapore, was himself charged as the result of his having offered \$2 to Mr. Sundasingh, the Indian interpreter. The man was convicted and remanded.

The All-China Football Championship elimination contests will be held in Peking and Tientsin from February 11 to 17. With the exception of south China, teams representing all parts of the country will compete. The east China team, which will be selected from the leading local Chinese clubs, will leave for the north on February 5.

H.M.S. "Vidas Kichakarn" of the Siamese transport flotilla, was expected to leave on January 4 with stores in connection with the forthcoming visit of the King to the Peninsular Provinces. The royal yacht, "Maha Chakri" was scheduled to leave on January 10, together with H.M.S. "Phra Ruang" of the torpedo boat flotilla, which acts as escort.

The sad plight of a coolie who became so cold on a recent evening that he started running down Yuechang-road, Shanghai, to get warm, only to have his novel idea taken up by a foreign detective who raced on behind and finally won the race, was heard in the Provisional Court recently when the coolie was brought before Judge Wong on a charge of trafficking in lottery tickets. The coolie explained his reason for the sudden departure from a house where a companion was arrested in the act of marking a Hwo Wei lottery ticket, but the Judge thought it a rather novel account of the affair and after listening to the detective whose version was somewhat different, fined the accused five dollars. Nor was the friend possessed of a less colourful excuse, he was "waiting for a friend" and happened to pick up two pieces of paper that turned out to be lottery tickets. His fine was the same.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED
IN THE "MAIL"

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "Body and Soul."

To-day—World Theatre; "The Unholy Three."

To-day—Star Theatre; "New Lives For Old."

To-day—Majestic Theatre; "The Law of the Range."

To-day and To-morrow—Star Theatre; Farewell performances of Coyne's Musical Comedy, 9.15 p.m.

Jan. 31-Feb. 1—World Theatre; "New Lives For Old."

Jan. 31-Feb. 1-2—Star Theatre; "Why Worry?"

Jan. 31-Feb. 2—Queen's Theatre; "Hangman's House."

Feb. 2—Repulse Bay Hotel Carnival.

Feb. 2-3—World Theatre; "Why Worry?"

Feb. 2-3—Star Theatre; "Seventh Heaven."

Feb. 16—Variety entertainment by the K.O.S.B. as farewell to Mrs. Luard, Theatre Royal, 9 p.m.

Feb. 19, 21, 22, 23—Hong Kong Amateur Dramatic Club presents "On Approval," at the Theatre Royal.

Lammerts' Auctions:

Jan. 31—At No. 5B, Armand Bldgs., Kimberley-rd., Kowloon, household furniture, 11 a.m.

Jan. 31—At Sales Room, Duddell-st., a valuable collection of curios, 2.30 p.m.

Feb. 1—At No. 4 Tantalum Terrace, the H.K. & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., Hunghom, valuable household furniture, 11 a.m.

Feb. 2—At 334, Kowloon Tong, valuable household furniture, 10.30 a.m.

Sports:

Feb. 1—Closing of entries for Fanling Hunt Steeplechase, noon.

Feb. 3—Gymkhana of 2nd Battn. King's Own Scottish Borderers, at Kwantli.

Feb. 9—Boxing Tournament at the City Hall, 9.15 p.m.

Feb. 9-10—Paperchase, etc., at Canton by invitation of Members of Canton Ride.

Feb. 17—China New Year steplechase meeting of Fanling Hunt, at Kwantli race course.

Feb. 25, 26, 27 & Mar. 2—Hong Kong Jockey Club Annual Race Meeting.

Meetings:

To-day—Annual meeting of Officer Mess (H.K.V.C.C.), 5.45 p.m.

To-day—Annual meeting of Hong Kong Automobile Assn., Messrs. Jardine's board room, 5.30 p.m.

To-day—Annual meeting of shareholders in St. John's Cathedral Hall, 6.30 p.m.

Jan. 30—Annual general meeting of St. David's Society (Hong Kong) in Sanitary Board Room, Post Office Building, 5.30 p.m.

Jan. 31—Twenty-fourth annual meeting of Shareholders of Union Waterboat Co., Ltd., in the offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., 11 a.m.

Feb. 1—Monthly meeting of the Referees' Association at Chaplain's Hut, Scandal Pt., 6 p.m.

Feb. 1—Annual general meeting of the Hong Kong Benevolent Society, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 5.30 p.m.

Feb. 2—Extraordinary meeting of Shareholders of the Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, City Hall, noon.

February 5—Forty-first ordinary general meeting of shareholders of the Hong Kong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd., at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., 12.30 p.m.

Feb. 8—Annual ordinary meeting of Humphreys' Estate & Finance Co., Ltd., Hong Kong Hotel, 11 a.m.

Feb. 16—Tenth ordinary meeting of shareholders of the Bank of East Asia, Ltd., at Chinese Merchants' Club, China Building (5th floor), 8 p.m.

Feb. 16—Annual meeting of shareholders of Hong Kong Realty & Trust Co., Ltd., Exchange Bldg. (2nd floor) Des Voeux-rd., Ctl., Noon.

Feb. 28—Further extraordinary meeting of shareholders of Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, City Hall, 12.45 p.m.

Miscellaneous

To-day—H.K.V.D.C. Battery Dinner.

Jan. 30—Lecture by Rev. Fr. R. Gallagher, S.J., on "Science: Exploring The World," St. Patrick's Hall, 5 Garden Road, 5.30 p.m.

Jan. 31—Review of Royal Naval Brigade by H.E. C.-in-C. China Station, Vice-Admiral Sir Reginald V. Tyrwhitt, Bart, K.C.B., D.S.O., D.C.L., at Happy Valley, 10 a.m.

Jan. 31—Annual inspection of Sharpshooters' Company, Police Reserve, Police Headquarters, 5 p.m.

Feb. 2—Annual distribution of Prizes at Ellis Kadoorie School for Indians, 10 a.m.

Feb. 4—Lantern Slide lecture at Helena-May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

Feb. 6—Rev. Fr. P. Joy, S.J., speaks on "Religion: The Fetters of Freedom," at St. Patrick's Hall, 5 Garden Road, 5.30 p.m.

Feb. 13—Lecture on "The Religion Of To-morrow," by Rev. Fr. R. Gallagher, S.J., at St. Patrick's Hall, 5 Garden Road, 5.30 p.m.

Feb. 20—At St. Patrick's Hall, 5 Garden Road, the Rev. Fr. P. Joy, S.J., lectures on "A Book And Its Story," 5.30 p.m.

Feb. 23—Laying of Foundation stone of the Kowloon branch of Chinese Y.M.C.A.

Feb. 27—Lecture at St. Patrick's Hall, 5 Garden Road on "The Fortress Still Standing," by Rev. Fr. G. Byrne, S.J., at 5.30 p.m.

JUGO-SLAVIA

MINISTERIAL COUNCIL NOT
NEEDED

WIDER RESPONSIBILITIES

Belgrade, Yesterday. The Ministerial Council practically ceases to exist as an executive organ under the new act regulating its functions. Now a responsible Minister may make a decision after consultation with the Premier, and the latter, on the recommendation of the Finance Minister and in consultation with two senior Ministers, may make a decision which formerly required the unanimous assent of the Parliamentary finance control committee.—Reuter.

MRS. PANKHURST

A MEMORIAL STATUE AT
WESTMINSTER

MR. S. BALDWIN TO UNVEIL IT

London, Yesterday. The Prime Minister has consented to unveil a statue to be erected at Westminster of Mrs. Pankhurst. The fact that the Premier will unveil her memorial marks a remarkable reversal of public opinion regarding women's suffrage. Women now have votes at the age of 21 on the same terms as men.—British Wireless Service.

A TIENTSIN CONCESSION

Shanghai, Yesterday. The "Sin Wan Pao" states that Dr. C. T. Wang (the Foreign Minister) and the Belgian Minister have reached an agreement for the rendition of the Belgian Concession at Tientsin. Dr. Wang has appointed two commissioners to take over the Concession.—Reuter.

ADMIRALS' RESIGNATIONS

Shanghai Yesterday. Chinese newspapers state that Marshal Chiang Kai-shek has prevailed upon Rear-Admirals Chen Shao-kwan and Chen Kwei-liang to withdraw their resignations.—Reuter.

The coal output from mines in Britain for the week ended December 15 was 8,350,200 tons, as compared with 6,153,400 tons for the previous week, and the number of wage earners 898,100.

Mr. H. Burton, aged 28, of Cheshunt, Hertfordshire, died from injuries at Waltham Cross after his motor-cycle combination collided with a motor-car.



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DEDICATION AT KELHAM

Six bishops were present at the dedication of the new chapel of the society of the Sacred Mission at Kelham, Notts, where the Theological College is designed to become ultimately the largest centre of training in the Church of England.

Bishop Mosley, of Southwell, performed the rites of dedication, Bishop Gore preached, and the Bishops of Lincoln and Derby, the Bishop Suffragan of Grantham, and Bishop Abraham assisted at the Ceremony. Each bishop was in cope and mitre, and was attended by two deacons in dalmatics.

Only the central portions of the building and the sanctuary have as yet been completed. The choir, is square, roofed by a great dome 62ft in diameter and said to be the largest of its kind in the world. The chapel is to be built in solid brown brick. On the west arch of brick will stand a calvary by Mr. C. S. Jagger, A.R.A. the gift of two private.

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Sport Columns

ICE BREAKS

STAMPEDE AT RACE MEETING

NO CASUAL TIES.

Swavesey Fen, (Cambs), Yesterday.
The British amateur ice skating championships over 1½ miles resulted as follows:—
C. Horn (holder) 5 min. 43 sec.
G. Martin 6 min. 1 sec.
J. Ebb 6 min. 15 sec.
22 competed.
As a rapid thaw set in the race was decided on water-covered ice, which later began to break. The spectators stampeded and many were immersed. All were rescued. —Reuter.

BRILLIANT TENNIS

TOURIST WINS IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Adelaide, Yesterday.
In the Australasian lawn tennis championship final J. Gregory of the British touring team beat R. Schlesinger (Victoria) 6-2, 6-2, 5-7, 7-5. Gregory gave the most brilliant exhibition ever seen in South Australia. —Reuter.

BENNY LEONARD

HOW HE ROSE TO FAME

(By Robert Edgren)

Billy Gibson tells a story about how Benny Leonard became a fighter. Billy ran the old Fairmont A. C. in the Bronx for many years. It was more a hobby than an income proposition, for Billy. He liked boxing, and the club provided jobs for some of Billy's friends. All the kids in the neighbourhood were boxing and when any of them went on in a show their pals who couldn't raise the necessary fifty cents for a seat tried all sorts of tricks to get in. Sometimes they slipped in during the afternoon training and hid under the ring until night, when they crawled out and found seats. Or they climbed through a window. One show night Billy saw a watchman corner a small bunch of boys who couldn't show tickets. Billy stopped and looked them over. He was too soft hearted to have them thrown out.

First-Ring Experience

"You want to see the show do you?" he asked. "Want to very much, do you?"
Billy was assured that the boys certainly did want to see the show. Otherwise why had they climbed in through an open ventilator?
"Well," said Billy, temporising. "I don't see how I can let you all in for nothing. Can any of you box?"

"This kid can box," eagerly volunteered the bunch, pushing out a small, dark-eyed boy who looked almost too seraphic to be a fighter. "Can you?" asked Gib.

"Not very much."

"Would you box four rounds if I let the other guys have seats to look on?" asked Gib. The small, smooth-faced boy said he'd try. Gibson went down into the dressing-rooms and looking over the bunch, picked out a young boxer who wasn't too tough and told the seconds to put him on with the smooth-faced boy in the first preliminary. Then Gibson forgot about it until, standing up in the back near the office as usual, he saw the bout. The announcer asked the smooth-faced boy his name.

"Benny Leinart," he said. The announcer turned around and waved his hand to the crowd. "In this corner—Benny Leonard," he yelled. That's how Benny got the ring name that was to become famous.

Benny won that first fight without even having his hair mussed. Gibson told him to come back for

the next show. After a couple of other bouts in which Benny showed some natural ability Gibson suggested that he come around afterwards and train with the boys in the gym, and learn a little more. Not long after that Benny began to work up towards the final bouts. Gibson became interested and suggested that he'd personally do Benny's match-making and help him along. Benny agreed. That agreement was the only contract the two ever had. In a few months Benny was a favourite in the Bronx, where they liked to see him dance around and tap the other fellows without being hit. They called him "the feather duster puncher." And then one day Gibson called Benny into the office for a conference.

Learned to Punch

"You've gone as far as you can this way," said Gibson. "To go any farther you'll have to learn how to punch. There never was a champion yet who didn't have a knock-out punch."

Benny went to work learning the trick of slipping over the punch that wins. His next bout was the Mandot, a famous New Orleans light-weight—very clever—a good little fighter. Benny knocked Mandot out, most unexpectedly. The crowd thought it was an accident. But Benny went right along knocking out better and better fighters, until he got Freddy Welsh. Twice Freddy was too clever to be caught. Then the third time Benny hung him on the ropes and Kid McPartland counted Welsh out and passed the world's light-weight title along to Leonard.

Retired With Fortune

Benny became one of the cleverest of the champions, made a fortune and retired.

All because someone left a ventilating window open at the old Fairmont late one afternoon. But for that Benny Leinart might be earning 25 dollars a week selling ribbons over someone's counter, and the ring might have lacked one of its most interesting and cleverest boxers. Benny Leonard has been a model for all light-weights for the past fifteen years. And he always was a clean, fair fighter, a student of boxing, a game fighter when he needed gameness, and with intelligence that enabled him to weather a knockdown in an early round and come right back winning.

Benny Leonard set a new model for lightweight champions. He combined a lot of skill with plenty of hard hitting. When he came in, the old rough house styles of Nelson and Wolgast went out of fashion. But there hasn't been another Benny Leonard since Benny dropped out.

Lest We Forget

Kid Lavigne, a great light-weight champion long before Benny Leonard's time, died a few months ago and is buried in an unmarked grave in a Saginaw, Michigan cemetery. Some of the Kid's old friends are going to put a monument over him so that he won't be forgotten. It isn't a bad idea, at all.

What a fight Lavigne was! He went to England to fight Burge, the British lightweight champion, and when Burge refused to weigh in, having far out-grown the class, Lavigne laughed and said he didn't want Burge's weight forfeit and didn't want the match called off. He'd fight Burge if Burge weighed a ton. He knocked Burge out.

Whipped "Giant-Killer"
He whipped Joe Walcott, the "Giant-Killer," who could knock out men of double Lavigne's weight, and did it.

There's a stone over the Nonpareil's grave—the original Jack Dempsey—up in Portland, Oregon. Perhaps it may keep his memory alive when the generation that saw him is gone. The same should be done for Kid Lavigne. And it seems to me the world

CASE WITHDRAWN

CHINESE WHO WAS "MERELY HOLDING THE MONEY"

SOME EXCITEMENT

Remanded last week on a charge of alleged embezzlement of \$8,000 from Ma Cheung-wai, a local Chinese merchant, Wong Hap made another appearance before Major C. Willson, O.B.E., at the Central Magistrate's yesterday afternoon.

Mr. F. H. Loseby, for the prosecution, who at the last hearing informed the Court that the money was recovered from the accused's safe, where there was a sum of \$50,000 in cash besides the \$8,000 involved in the case, stated that he had no evidence to offer against the accused, and asked the Magistrate to discharge him.

Mr. P. M. Hodgson, for the defence, stated that the trouble arose through the accused not clearly understanding his "rights" in a business arrangement between him and the complainant. The accused was a man of means and well-known and there was no question of his embezzling the complainant's money. He was merely holding the money on account of some outstanding transactions which he had with the complainant, and the latter had "got rather excited about it."

His Worship gave leave to withdraw the charge.

KING'S VOICE

ANOTHER RECORD FOR BRITISH MUSEUM

The collection of gramophone records of famous people preserved for posterity in the British Museum has been enriched by the gift of the matrix from which the record of the King's speech at the opening of the new Tyne bridge at Newcastle was made.

This is the second record of a speech by the King which the museum possesses, the other one being his speech at the opening of the Wembley Exhibition.

They have also a record of addresses given by the King and Queen to the boys and girls of the British Empire, made on Empire Day 1923. An official of the museum said to a "Daily Mail" reporter:

Our list includes two records of Mr. Bernard Shaw. One is entitled "Spoken English and Broken English," and I think it would have been appropriate to add "By an Irishman." The other is a record he made for some talking pictures.

We have a record of the Prince of Wales in his famous speech on sportsmanship, and our list includes people like Patti, Melba, Caruso, Tamagno, Chaliapin, and Tetrazzini among the singers. We also have politicians like Mr. Churchill, Mr. Lloyd George, Mr. J. R. Clynes, and the late Lord Oxford and Asquith. Among famous people we have records of Lord Kelvin, Lord Roberts, Tolstoy, Venizelos, Sir Ernest Shackleton, Archbishop Davidson, and Archbishop Bourne.

An aeroplane hangar, believed to be the largest in the world which will accommodate 50 air liners, is now in use at Croydon.

should know a little better where Bob Fitzsimmons lies. If there ever was a fighter who deserved a niche in some Hall of Fame it was old Bob.

Jeffries Still a Drawing Card
Jim Jeffries, former heavy-weight champion, has been on the road with a show for several months and is soon going for a tour of Europe. Jim's brother Jack spars with him in the show, just as he did in the days when Jim was champion, and the greatest of them all. The world seems still to be interested in the old-timers. Perhaps if Jack Dempsey will wait until he has been out of the ring as long as Jeffries he will be as great a drawing card on the boards.

The monthly meeting of the Referees Association will be held at the Chaplain's Hut, Scandal Point, on Friday, February 1, at 6.00 p.m.

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Shanghai Docks \$106 b

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Shanghai Cottons (Old) \$65 1/2 n
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H.K. Lands \$65 n
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Humphreys' Estates \$15 b
H.K. Realities \$3 1/2 b
H.K. Territorials \$1 n
Prince's Buildings \$1 n

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H.K. Tways \$20.60 b
Peak Trams (old) \$13 s
Peak Trams (new) \$6.80 n
Star Ferries \$73 s
China Lights (comb.) \$12.30 b
China Lights (old) \$12.30 b
China Lights (new) \$12.30 b
China Lights 1928 issue \$12.30 b
H.K. E'trics (old) \$53 1/2 b 53 1/2 sa
E'tric (new) \$52 1/2 s 51 1/2 sa
Macao Electrics \$28 1/2 b
H.K. Telephones \$3.90 n old
(6.80 n new)

China Buses \$11 1/2 n
Singapore Tractions \$11.6 n
Singapore Pref. \$17.6 b 18/3 s
Sandakan Lts. \$5 n

Industrials
China Sugars \$1.05 b
Malabon Sugars \$25 1/2 b
Canton Ices \$3 1/2 b
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Prague 163 1/2
Helsingfors 192 1/2
Madrid 29.685
Lisbon 109 11/16
Athens 375
Bucharest 807 1/2
Rio 5 29/32
Buenos Aires 47 15/32
Bombay 1/6 1/32
Shanghai 2/6 1/2
Hong Kong 2/6
Yokohama 1/10 18/32
Silver Spot 26 1/2
Silver Forward 26 3/16
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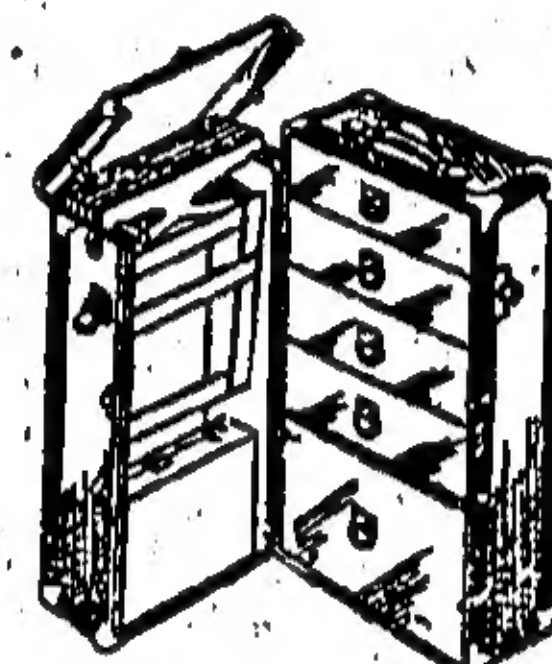
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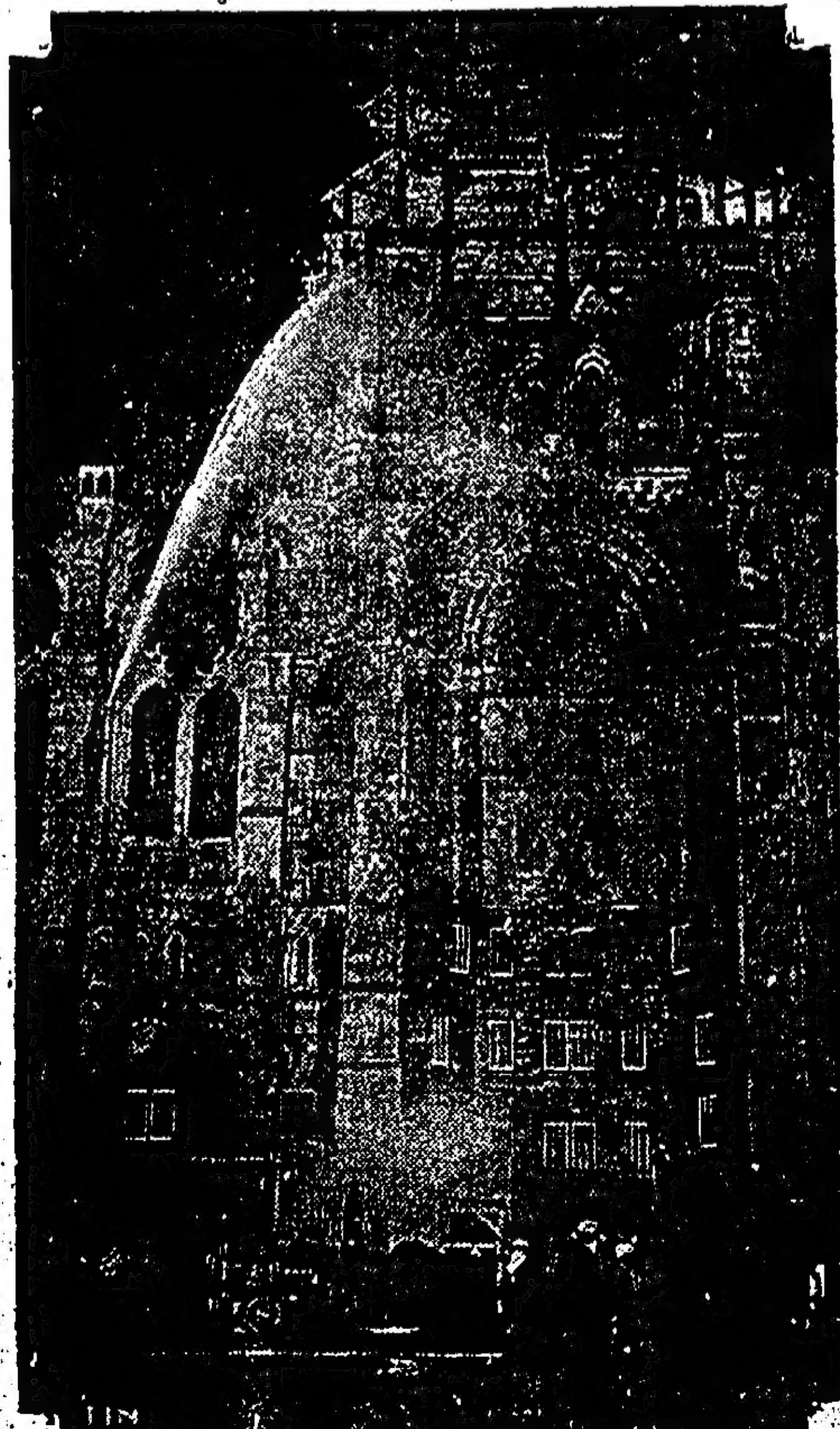
Mr. Walter F. Kingland, a wealthy New York clubman, and the Princess Marie Louise D'Orleans, whom he married in St. Richard's (Roman Catholic) Church, Chichester, England.

"Ladies of the Air"



Miss Amelia Earhart (left), Lady Heath (upper right) and Thea Rasche, respectively, the "first ladies of the air" in America, Britain and Germany.

Rockefeller Church a Flaming Torch



The new \$4,000,000 church being built at Riverside Drive and 122d street, New York city, was swept by a fire which, after destroying the costly interior, mounted to the lofty tower. Firemen are seen fighting the flames as they roar high above the street. The heaviest subscriber to the new church was Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Sr., the multi-millionaire philanthropist.

British Flier



Captain W. N. Lancaster, the distinguished British airman, with the Henry Hughes alcohol compass which kept him on his course from England to Australia.

War Leader Dies



Count Cadorna, leader of Italy's armies for two years during the World War, who died at his home in Rome after an illness of many months. He was 78 years old.

Palestine Mayor



Twenty years ago the city of Tel-Aviv in Palestine was a sandy waste but to-day finds it a flourishing city and Mr. David Bloch is its mayor.

Glenn Tryon



The popular film comedian.

Hero Divorced by Fourth Wife



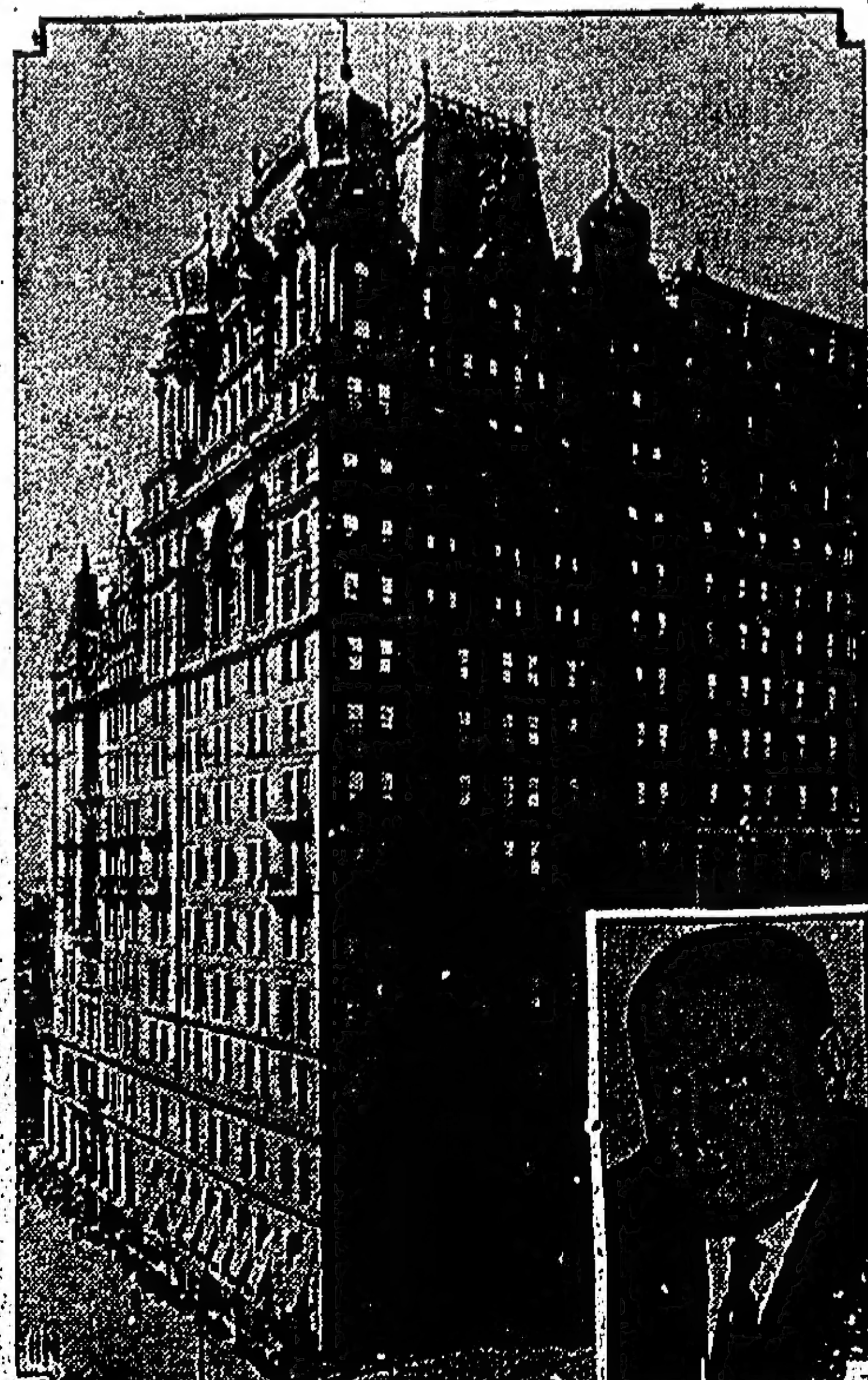
Decorated by France for gallantry in action during the World War, the author of several plays and novels, Preston Gibson (right), has been divorced by Mrs. Evelyn Spaulding Gibson, his fourth wife. The decree was obtained in Reno, where the Court gave plaintiff the custody of a nine-months-old child.

The R-100: A British Dirigible



Members of the British House of Parliament having tea aboard the R-100 at her formal unveiling to the public. Inset, Lieut. George Noville, U.S.N., who will navigate the giant air liner on her maiden voyage. The R-100 is 700 feet long, 130 feet high and will easily carry 135 persons, inclusive of crew, in addition to ten tons of mail and freight. Six Rolls Royce engines will drive her at a cruising speed of 75 miles an hour. The R-100's maiden voyage will probably be made early in the spring, a tentative timetable for it and other early voyages having been made as follows:—Egypt, 2½ days; India, 5 to 6 days; Australia, 10 days; Capetown, 6 days; Canada, 3 days. Navigation across the Atlantic to a mooring mast in Canada is to be in the hands of George Noville, U.S.N.

Waldorf-Astoria Hotel Sold



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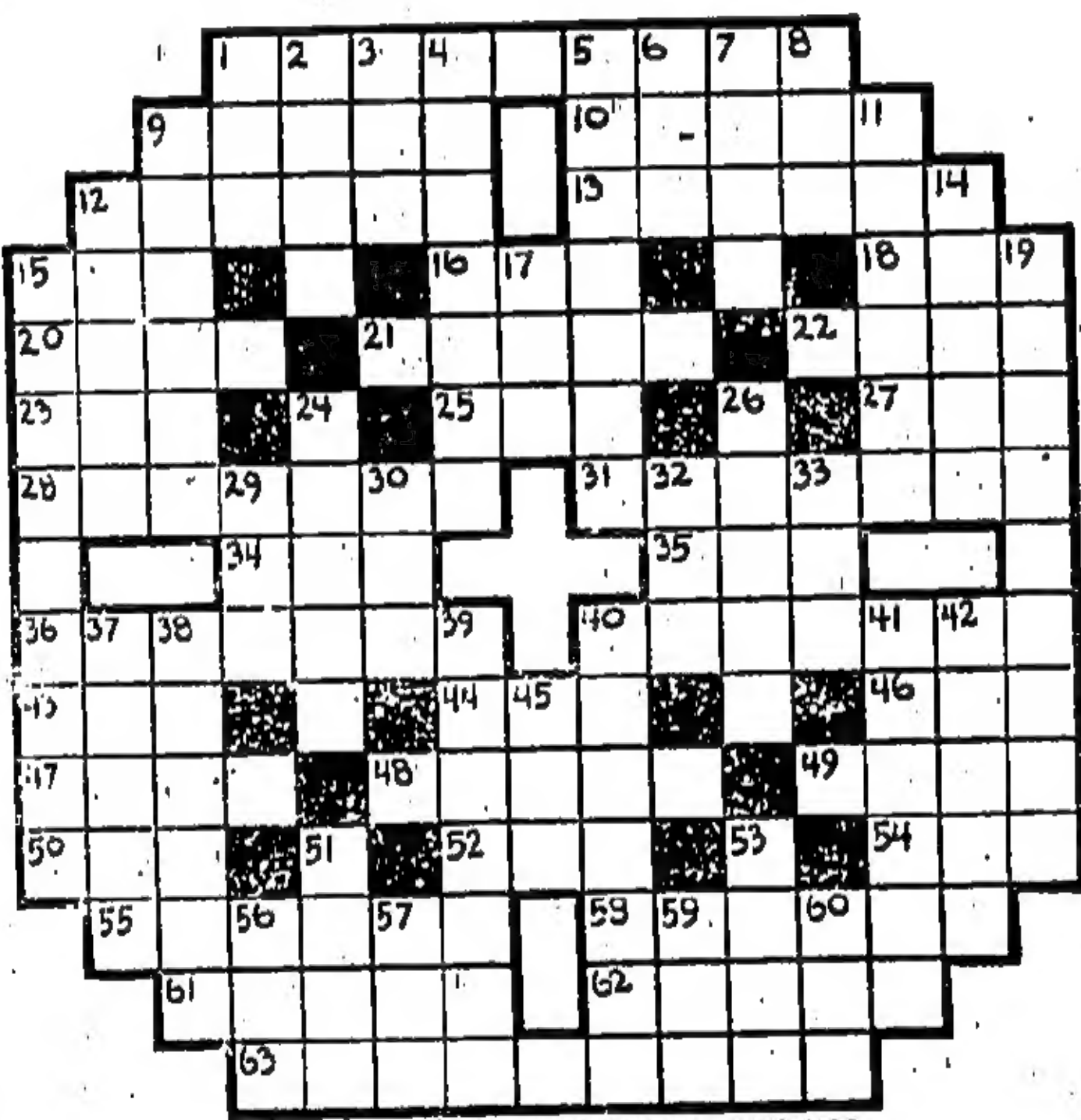
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



- HORIZONTAL**
- Placed
 - Mid
 - One who gives help
 - One who hauls
 - Town of rose family
 - Crown
 - Three times (prefix)
 - Chart
 - Complete
 - Musical instrument
 - The tail of a musical note
 - Individual
 - A large country
 - Nothing
 - Pulpit address
 - Bring under cultivation
 - To be obligated
 - Silver (Spanish)
 - Mixes
 - One who infers
 - A chemical suffix
 - Deface
 - Northwestern State (abbr.)
 - A fellow
 - Trivial
 - Imaginary giant
 - Knowledge
- HORIZONTAL (Cont.)**
- City thoroughfare (abbr.)
 - Numbers (abbr.)
 - Work over into new form
 - Person of irritable temper
 - East Indian coin
 - Pertaining to the flank bone
 - Beggar
 - Noted river
 - Holy Mother Church (Latin-abbrev)
 - Latin for "third"
 - Composed of thin plates
 - Se situated
 - Whirl
 - Eastern State (abbr.)
 - Meal
 - Heroine created by Helen Hunt Jackson
 - American political writer (1787-1859)
 - Plural of radius
- VERTICAL**
- Lower yard on mizenmast
 - Royal Astronomical Society (abbr.)
 - Members of the order of the Dannebrog
 - Game played with wooden balls
 - Chemical compound (pl.)
 - Rabbit
 - Born
 - Sooner than
 - Girl's name (shortened)
 - Theater attendant
 - Stingler
 - Crushed
 - Vigorous
 - French brandy
 - Mistake
 - Insect
 - Yawn
 - Broad smile
 - Noise of a bee
 - U. S. law-maker
 - Southern State (abbr.)
 - Coarse cloth

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.

ACROSS: 1. BELT, 2. GROUT, 3. EARLY, 4. HARRY, 5. IRK, 6. TERR, 7. R. OLEO, 8. ULE, 9. ONEIDAS, 10. BAR, 11. LANG, 12. CASEL, 13. VOTE, 14. PERT, 15. S. N. WARY, 16. RABBIT, 17. MAND, 18. STAR, 19. P. KEYS, 20. STYR, 21. P. SKAT, 22. STYR, 23. VALUS, 24. EMIR, 25. TOP, 26. CALABAR, 27. PLY, 28. ORTS, 29. S. BAIT, 30. POSEY, 31. AMIE, 32. STONE, 33. POSEY, 34. SCARE, 35. SPEND.

HONG KONG HEIGHTS

For the information of visitors the following list of some of the highest points on the Island and Mainland is published:—

Island.	Feet.
Victoria Peak	1823
Signal Station	1774
Mt. Parker	1734
Mountain Lodge	1725
The Eyrie	1725
Peak Hotel	1806
Talkoo Sanatorium	1000
Mt. Davis	571
Bowen Road (Altitude)	227
Tai-mo-shan	3124
Tai-mo-shan	3124
Kowloon Peak	1971

RADIO TOPICS

TO-DAY'S RADIO

BROADCAST BY
G. O. W.
ON 350 METRES

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Government radio station on the Peak, the wave-length being 350 metres. The call sign of the station is G.O.W.

5.30 to 6.30 p.m.—Demonstration Programme.

7.48 p.m.—Evening Weather Report.

8 p.m.—Evening Programme (Columbia Records).

"Blue Eyes," (Kern) Selection.

Piccadilly Theatre Orchestra.

"Folk Tune,"

"Fiddle Dance,"

Albert Sandler and his Orchestra.

"Carmen," (Bizet) Selection.

Percy Pitt and the B.B.C. Wireless Symphony Orchestra.

"Bound For The Rio Grande,"

"Life Is Nothing Without Money,"

Bass. Norman Allin.

"The Meanderings Of Monty—No. 14 and 15,"

Monologue by Milton Hayes.

How America was discovered.

How America was found out.

"The Dollar Princess," (Leo Fall) Selection.

London Theatre Orchestra.

"On Wings Of Song,"

"Ave Maria,"

J. H. Squire Celeste Octet.

"Reminiscences Of Tosti,"

Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier-Guards.

"Organ Fantasia Of Old Songs,"

Grand Organ Solo.

W. G. Webber.

"Poet And Peasant," Overture.

Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards.

A Memory ("The Klax"),

"Eleanore,"

Baritone. Edgar Coyle.

"Wembley Military Tattoo,"

The Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards.

"Evening Song,"

"Après Un Réve,"

Cello Solo. Gaspar Cassado.

"Aida-Ritorna Vincerò,"

Soprano. Eva Turner.

"Aerbut Paerks' At The Waerks Dinner,"

"Aerbut Paerks' Wedding,"

Dialect Monologue by Graham Squiers.

10.10 p.m.—News Bulletin.

"Patricia," Selection.

London Theatre Orchestra.

"Miniature Revues," (How Do You Do?),

Emmy Joyce, Billy Leonard, Mark Daly, John Thorne and Compay.

God Save The King.

10.30 p.m.—Close Down.

WIRE RECORDS OF SOUND

A demonstration was given in London of a new apparatus for recording sound by means of magnetised wire. Among the items recorded were a vocal solo, a whistling solo, a small orchestral selection, and a recital of a burlesque of a short selection from Macbeth attributed to Mr. Bernard Shaw. These were "recorded" into a microphone connected to the coils of small electro-magnets, past the cores of which a thin steel wire was conducted at a constant speed. The electric, or acoustic, vibrations, it was explained, were converted into magnetic vibrations by the electro-magnets, and in this way became magnetically fixed on the steel wire. After several minutes' waiting the whole programme, by reversing the mechanical process, reproduced through a loud-speaker the complete programme, including the announcer's remarks between the numbers.

The reproductions were clear and strong in volume, the tonal effect resembling that of a fairly good gramophone. Members of the audience also spoke into the machine, and heard the reproduction of their voices immediately afterwards.

Sponsors of the scheme announced that originally the idea was theoretically conceived by a Danish physicist, Mr. W. Poulsen, 80 years ago, but the practical realisation of it was due to Dr. Curt Stille, who had spent 23 years in perfecting it. A British group, it was added, had obtained from a German bank the rights of manufacture for the whole world outside Germany. The machine, it is asserted, can be used for recording speeches and office letter dictations to replace shorthand-writers, the wire "record" being wound on a spool for use when required. Another use is as an attachment to a telephone to record messages in the absence of the receiver. By the same means it is held, the provincial or Continental correspondents of British newspapers could transmit telephonically news to their head offices at a quarter of the present cost.

£300 'PHONE SPEECH

SUCCESSFUL 1,000-MILE BROADCAST,

A twelve-minute speech which cost £25 per minute, was successfully broadcast from Ottawa, Canada, to Cardiff.

The speech was in connection with Canada Day at the Empire Exhibition at Cardiff, and was made by the Hon. James Malcolm, Canadian Minister of Trade and Commerce.

First the message was telephoned from Parliament Buildings, Ottawa, to New York. It was relayed from Rocky Point wireless station, whence it was received at Cuper, Fishhire, and was then relayed by land wire to the G.P.O. London. There it was amplified for the last lap of its four thousand mile journey to Cardiff. The reception was perfect.

BRITAIN CALLING

British Broadcasting has entered upon its seventh year of activity. One cannot but be amazed at the rapid progress it has made since its introduction in 1922, when the programmes consisted of rather hackneyed and uninspiring "musical items," provided for three-and-a-half hours each evening. In the early days there were fewer than sixty thousand registered listeners throughout Great Britain; to-day the number has swollen to two million and a half, while British programmes sent out from the high-power station at Daventry are heard by many millions of enthusiasts on the Continent. It is calculated that there are fifty million wireless receiving sets in use throughout the world, and many of these are powerful enough to tune in to Great Britain when important broadcasts are on the ether. These figures are sufficient refutation of the pessimists' prophecy that the public would soon tire of their new toy. On the contrary, the "toy" is fast becoming an essential public service, and as such must be prepared, as the years bring an ever widening radius of action and an increasing volume of broadcast material to face criticism, which is bound to become more and more articulate.

The responsibility of those who try to cater for the manifold diversity of taste among over two million listeners is no enviable one; and their task will become more difficult as their public grows. The only possible method, it seems to us, of satisfying the varied requirements of "radio fans" is to increase the number and power of broadcasting stations, with a view of multiplying the programmes, so that the listener may pick and choose between them.

A TELEVISION RECORD

London, Dec. 17.

Johannesburg.—A television record is claimed by a local resident, who has picked up images broadcast from New York.

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CHINA & WIRELESS

TWENTY-ONE STATIONS IN EXISTENCE

ELEVEN MORE TO BE BUILT

As with aviation, the Chinese authorities are evincing a very keen interest in wireless and the Ministry of Communications has now drafted an extensive scheme for the encouragement of this means of communication, this having been approved by the Government Council.

Already, there are 12 long-wave radio stations in different cities of the country and these are under the control of the Reconstruction Council. One of these, at Tainan, was destroyed (it is said) by Japanese troops, and the remainder are at Peking, Kalgan, Tsingtao, Chafoo, Loyang, Ninghsia, Wuchang, Canton, Foochow, Woosung and Taungming. These stations were constructed by the Ministry of Communications but, as stated, they are now controlled by the Reconstruction Council.

Following last year's communications conference, nine short-wave stations were erected by the Ministry, as well as one long-wave station, at the following places:—Shanghai (for communication with places between Shanghai and Chungking), Shanghai (to Mukden), Shanghai (to Tsungming and Hankow), Nanking (between Shanghai, Hankow and Ichang), Ichang (to Shanghai and Chungking), Hankow (to Shanghai, Nanking and Chungking), Anking (Shanghai and up-river ports), and Taungming to Shanghai. The long-wave station is able to communicate with various merchant vessels.

Eleven more short-wave stations are to be installed shortly at Shanghai, Tientsin, Taiyuan, Nanking, Kufeng, Yunnan, Canton, Swatow, Hong Kong, Wanshan and Wuhu.

The following vessels are fitted with wireless sets and are able to communicate with the coast wireless station at Woosung:—"Hwa-chang" (Hua An Co.), "Ho Hsin," "Chao Hsin," "Tung An," "Lian Hsin," "Yu Hsin" (Chao Hsin Co.), "Sauey," "St. Dominic," "Sampson," "St. Aubin" (Chuan Te Co.), "Peh Hwa," "Peh Tai," "Peh Fu" (Northern Navigation Co.), "Peh Chin" (Chih Tung Co.), "Hwa An" (Chang An Co.), "Yuan An" (Yuan An Co.), "Chi Tung" (Chi Tung Co.), "Peh Chang" (Chih Tung Co.), "Peh Kong" (Northern Navigation Co.), "Yu Tah" (Yu Tah Co.), "Kiangping," "Tungshwa," "Hsinchi," "Kwangtah," "Taishun," "Kwanglee" (China Merchants Co.), "Chun Ho" (Hua Tung Co.), etc.

This list is given by the Chinese papers from a statement made by the Ministry.

In addition to the radio stations communicating with various places in China, the powerful station at Shanghai is said to be capable of transmitting and receiving messages to and from all parts of the world.

300 CANARIES BROADCAST

Three hundred roller canaries took part in the B.B.C. programme early in November. The birds were assembled at the Birmingham studio in covered cages, and at the prescribed moment the covers were removed. The canaries did very well. "Just listen to the roll," said the announcer. Rolling is a sort of scale whistling. In describing the birds the announcer confessed his ignorance as to whether they should be called a flock, a flight, or a covey.

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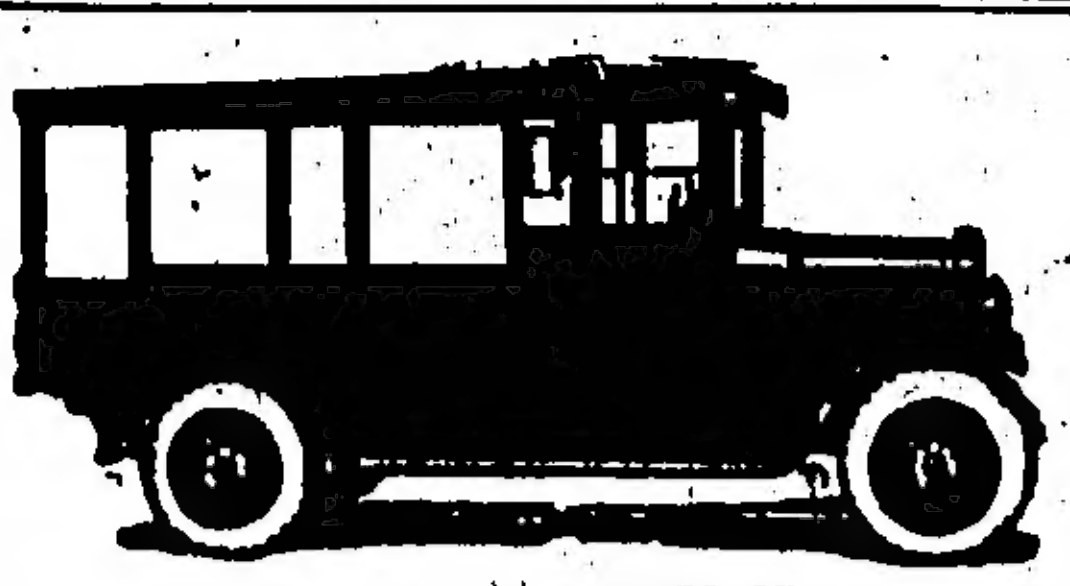
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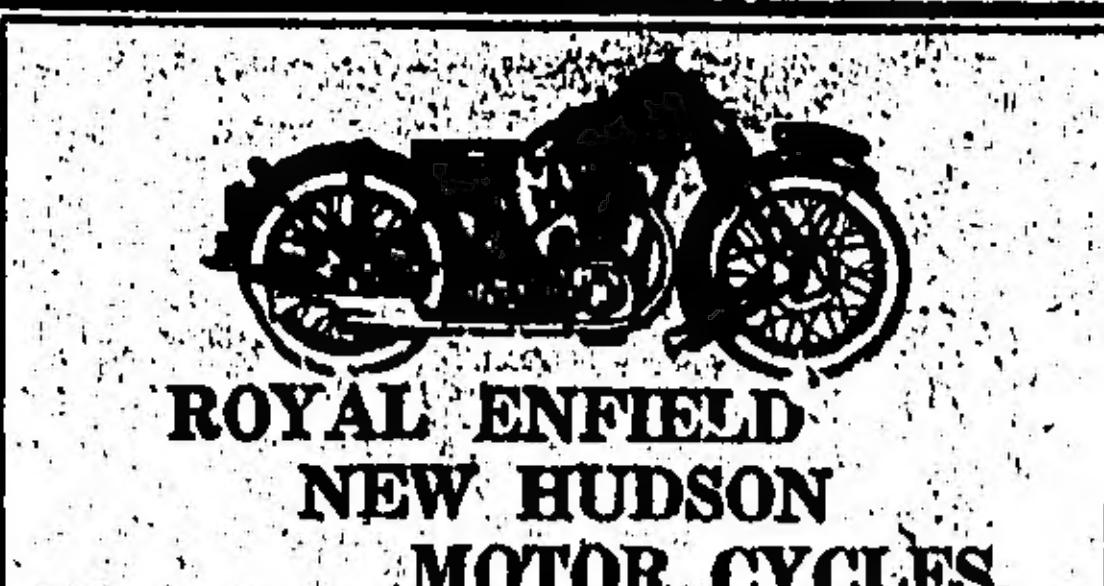
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INWARD MAILS.

From TUESDAY, JANUARY 29.

U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan, Shanghai & Europe
via Siberia, London, 11th Jan. President Lincoln

Japan Santhia
Straits Takada
Japan and Shanghai D'Artagnan
Shanghai and Swatow Chinkiang
Shanghai Alipore

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30.

Japan Arafura
Shanghai and Swatow Szechuen

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31.

Japan Anyo Maru

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1.

Europe via Suez (Letters & Papers, London,
3rd Jan. and Parcels 27th Dec., 1928 Macedonia

U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai President Cleveland
Straits and London (Parcel Mail, London,
20th Dec., 1928) Autolycus

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4.

Australia and Manila Tanda
Manila President Lincoln
Japan Chicago Maru

OUTWARD MAILS.

For TUESDAY, JANUARY 29.

Saloon Pong Tong 8.30 p.m.
Amoy Shantung 8.30 p.m.
Manila President Lincoln 4.30 p.m.
Sam Shui and Wuchow Tai King 4.30 p.m.
Shanghai Padua 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30.

Manila and Parcels for Germany
via Hamburg Saarland 10.30 a.m.
Saloon Kiukiang 10.30 a.m.
Manila Tytsaik 11.30 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta, Parcels 11.30
a.m. Letters 12.30 a.m.

Santhia
Fort Bayard Tai Poo Sek 1.30 p.m.
Java via Batavia Tjkarang 2.30 p.m.
Shanghai, and Europe via Siberia Keemun 2.30 p.m.
Manila Kentucky 3.30 p.m.
Straits Alipore 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31.

Holhow and Halphong Menado Maru 8.30 a.m.
Pakhoi Tean 8.30 a.m.
Swatow Hydrangea 2.30 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1.

Japan, Honolulu, & San Francisco
—due San Francisco, 8th March Anyo Maru 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia Macedonia 10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow Halyang Noon
Manila, Sandakan, Australia and
New Zealand via Thursday Is-
land—due Thursday Island, 16th
Feb. Parcels Noon. Registration
1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m. Arafura

FOREIGNERS AND THE KABUL UPEHAVAL

NO DANGER

M.P.'S AND THE USE OF BRITISH PLANES

QUESTIONS ANSWERED

London, Yesterday.
A British wireless message states: So far as is known here there is no reason to believe that foreigners in Kabul are in any imminent danger. The question of providing facilities for the evacuation of foreign males should this become necessary has for some time been under the constant consideration of the British Minister and circumstances may at any moment cause the Government of India to concert arrangements for proceeding with this task.

In a telegram to the Central Caliphate Committee Sir Denys Bray, Foreign Secretary of the Government of India, has expressed the Government's inability to grant passports for Afghanistan to deputations of the Committee.

After drawing attention to the condition of civil war prevailing in Afghanistan and the impossibility of roads and dangers to life and property, Sir Denys Bray adds, in view of the necessity for scrupulous observance of non-intervention in Afghan, internal affairs, the Government of India has been compelled to suspend the issue of passports to Afghanistan generally and to withhold permits to cross the Indian frontier from all but Afghan subjects.

Transport For Ex-Kings
A question was asked in the House of Commons to-day why the Government of India on two separate occasions had provided aerial transport for two ex-Kings of Afghanistan.

Sir Austen Chamberlain replied that ex-King Inayatullah was conveyed in a British aeroplane from Kabul to Peshawar and by rail from Peshawar to Chaman, whence he re-entered Afghanistan, at the request of the British Minister at Kabul of the ex-King himself and of Amir Habibullah, who asked the British Minister to arrange with the Government of India for this to be done in order that further bloodshed at Kabul might be avoided.

The ex-King's departure was followed by the peaceful surrender of the citadel. Transport by air was neither requested by nor provided for King Amanullah.

Further questioned Sir Austen Chamberlain said the Indian Government had carefully refrained from any interference in the internal affairs of Afghanistan but being asked by both parties to give facilities for the removal of King Inayatullah, in order to avoid bloodshed, they thought it right to do so.

Amanullah's Position
Bombay, Yesterday.
The Afghan Consulate at Bombay announces that Amanullah, at the earnest request of the people of Kandahar, Farah, Hirat, Mizar-i-Sharif, Waimena and Kataghan has again accepted the reins of Government. Great national activities have started in those centres with Kandahar as headquarters.

India's Non-Intervention
At New Delhi in his address at the re-opening of the assembly the Viceroy emphasised that the policy of the Government was one of scrupulous non-intervention in Afghanistan.

He also announced the appointment of a Royal Commission to investigate the Indian labour problem, with the late Speaker, the Rt. Hon. J. H. Whitley, as chairman. The Government has also decided to reintroduce proposals to deal with Communist agents from abroad.—Reuter.

UPPER YANGTZE
The 3rd division has proceeded from Ninghsia under General Ho I-tan to maintain order at Wanshen, states a Royal Naval communiqué.

London, Yesterday.—The number of local telephone calls originated in the London service during 1928 was 1,922,000,000, an increase of 10 per cent over the figures for the previous year.—British Wireless Service.

MARSHAL LI AGAIN RETURNING FROM NANKING THIS WEEK

CHIANG GOING TO PEKING

Marshal Li Chai-sum, Chief of the Nationalist General Staff, Commander-in-Chief of the troops in Kwangtung and chairman of the Canton branch of the Central Political Council, is on his way back to the south, stated a cable to the "Kung Sheung Yat Po."

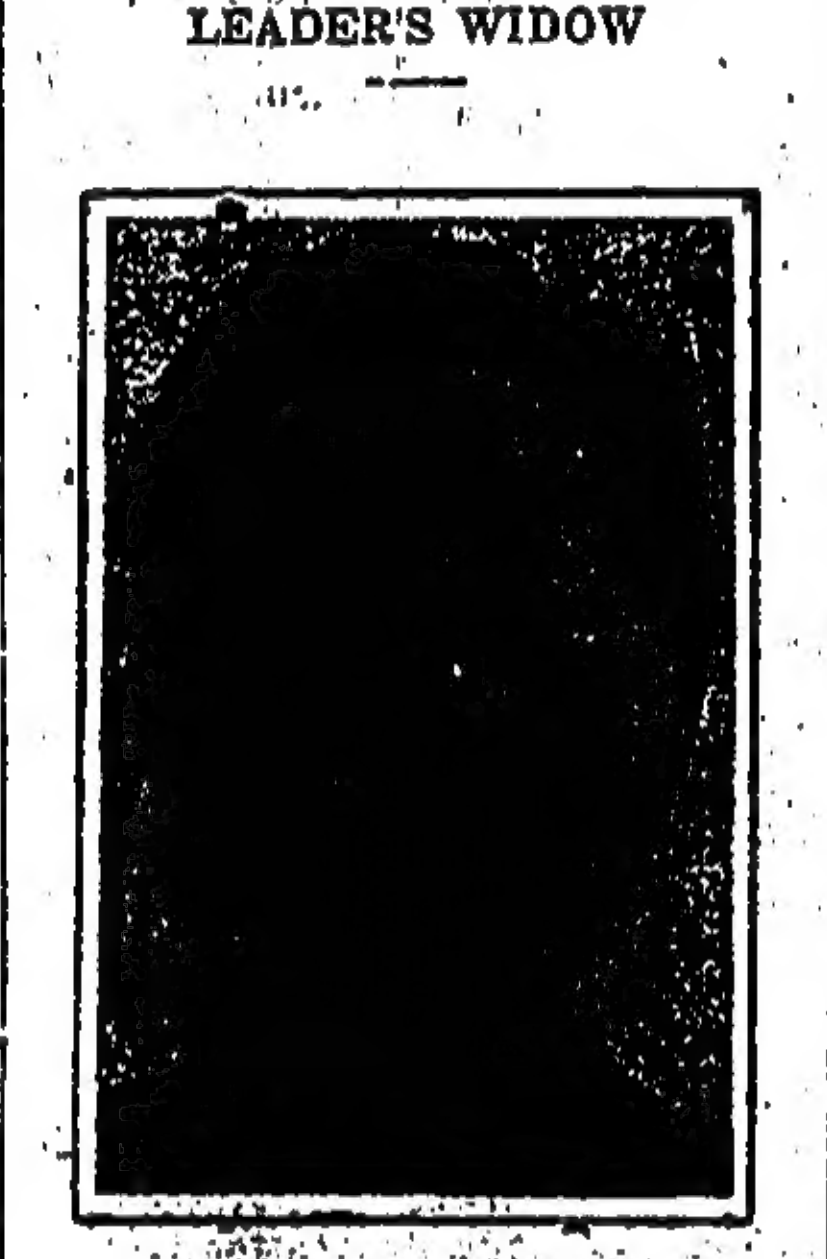
When Marshal Li last left for Nanking it was thought he would be away for some time. His return is earlier than anticipated.

The report adds that he arrived in Shanghai from Nanking yesterday and is sailing to-morrow on Kong, en route to Canton, being due on Friday afternoon.

The "Kung Sheung Yat Po" adds that Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, chairman of the State Council, returned to Nanking from Shanghai yesterday; that he intends to leave for Peking shortly; and that he has requested General Chang Hsueh-liang, Commander-in-Chief in Manchuria, to meet him for a conference in Peking.

MRS. SUN YAT-SEN RETURNS TO CHINA FROM RUSSIA

LEADER'S WIDOW



Shanghai, Yesterday.
It is reported that Mrs. Sun Yat-sen arrived at Changchun (having, presumably, travelled via Siberia) on Jan. 26 en route to Peking.—Reuter.

The widow of "the Father of the Chinese Revolution" has been in Russian and elsewhere in Europe since leaving China 18 months ago.

KING'S HEALTH

NO BULLETIN ISSUED LAST NIGHT

London, Yesterday.
No bulletin regarding the King's health was issued this evening.—British Wireless Service.

Honours' List
It is understood that as soon as the King is well enough, the postponed New Year's Honours' list will be submitted to him. Official quarters consider that possibly the list may be issued in February.—Reuter.

TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW
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TO COST G.\$5,000,000
Washington, Yesterday.
Mr. Wilbur, Secretary of the Navy, has recommended to Congress the establishment of a Naval Airship Base on the Pacific coast at a cost of G.\$5,000,000.—Reuter's American Service.

BRITISH POLITICS

LIBERALS AND LABOUR NOT IN AGREEMENT

LEADERS' VIEWS

London, Yesterday.
A possible Coalition between Labour and the Liberals if the Conservatives are not returned to power at the next General Election was repudiated yesterday by leading members of both the Liberal and Labour Parties.

Sir Herbert Samuel, Chairman of the Liberal Party, speaking at Newcastle, said 1924 would not be repeated. The Liberal Party were putting forward 430 candidates next election, while two years ago there were only 180 Liberal candidates.

Mr. Arthur Henderson, a member of the late Labour Government, speaking yesterday said that he was not enthusiastic about any possible future coalition.—British Wireless Service.

DRAFTS COMING

RELIEFS FOR THE CHINA STATION

THREE CRUISERS DUE

H.M.S. "Caryfort," "Cleopatra" and "Dartmouth" are due to arrive in Hong Kong on April 8 from England with relief crews for H.M.S. "Titanic" and "Marathon" of the 4th Submarine Flotilla, also for gunboats and sloops on the China Station.

All three ships coming out are light cruisers, "Dartmouth" being larger than the other two.

SMALL-POX

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE IN THE COLONY

LAST WEEK'S RETURN

There were 78 cases of small-pox in the Colony last week, and 77 deaths from the disease. Eleven more new cases were reported yesterday. Last week's return of notifiable disease, issued by the Medical Officer of Health, was as follows:—
Small-pox: 24 cases from the city registration district, 51 from Kowloon, 2 from Shaikwan—total 78 (of which two were British, "imported" i.e., non-resident, and the remainder Chinese); 7 deaths during the week.

Diphtheria: 3 cases from city, 1 from Kowloon—total 4 (three Chinese, one American).
Enteric fever (typhoid): Chinese cases from Kowloon; one death.
Puerperal fever: 1 Malay case from the city.
Influenza (not notifiable): 1 death.

Yesterday's Return
Cases reported to the Medical Officer of Health yesterday were as follows:—
Small-pox: 7 cases from city, 4 from Kowloon—total 11, all Chinese.
Diphtheria: 2 cases from city (1 Chinese, 1 Indian).
Enteric fever (typhoid): 1 Chinese case from city.

Questions by the Jury
The witness said that in that sea there would be much difficulty in launching lifeboats, and he thought that once launched the boats would probably be swamped by the high sea that was running, besides there would be great difficulty in keeping them under control.

If a fog-gun had been fired from Waglan the witness did not think that it would have been heard on the "Haining" at a distance of 15 miles because the wind would carry the sound away. Witness hardly thought that it would have been heard even 10 miles away. With such a monsoon blowing it was hard to say what distance a fog-gun would have been heard, and he would not have been surprised if it had not even been heard at that time.

Coming into Hong Kong
Replying to the Coroner, the witness said that as far as he knew there was no ship ahead of the "Haining" coming into Hong Kong harbour. He knew that the "Haining" had left before them from Swatow, but was not aware that she was bound for Hong Kong.

Sergeant Yee, of the Water Police, was then re-called and confirmed the time which he had given in his evidence as to the hour.

The Chinese witness operating at the Water Police Station, said that he was given a message for the No. 4 Police Launch by the No. 2 Police Launch at 11.30 p.m. He tried to call on the launch at 2.30 to 3 a.m. but did not see it. He found it at 4.30 a.m. and it was then that he saw the "Haining" and the "Haining" was then in the harbour.

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On a clear night the witness would expect to see a rocket at a range of 10 miles. As the horizon was very hazy on the morning in question he thought that visibility was reduced by half, and he would give the farthest range at which a rocket would be visible as 5 or 6 miles.

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